### Nathan indicted for PLO meeting

TEL AVIV (AP) - Peace activist Able Nathan has been charged with hehaviour, he funnediately travelled to PLO headquarters in Tunis and again held talks with Arafat. Nathan, 63, told the Associated Press he met with Arafat last March to protest an Israell law probliding such meetings "which is an obstacle to peace." Nathan said he was convinced a uniority of Israells were ready to talk to the PLO, and warned that if again convicted he would "use all non-violent measures" to fight the successor at "I will even risk my Efe," he vowed. Nathan is best known for measures." dramatic trip in a private plane to Cairo in 1964 tio try to convince Egypt to make peace with Israel. In 1978, he went on a 45-day henger strike to protest the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.



#### Gorbachev. Singh stress peace

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail Gorbachev and Indian Prime Minister V.P. Singh piedged Monday to build a suclear-free and non-violent world, TASS reported. The official Soviet news agency said a joint statement spoke of the two countries' commitment to dis and the replacement of confrontation and force with peace through reason But the account of the statement they signed in the Kremlin did not touch on economic issues. Singh arrived in the Soviet Union earlier Monday and was met at the airport by Premier Nikolal I. Ryzhkov. Indian officials had said one of Singh's chief goals during the trip was to protect his country's trade relationship with the Soviet Union, now based on barter and ruble-rupce parity. This could be underest by Moscow's plans to make the rubic-rupes parity. This could be underest by Missecow's peace to manac variable convertible. In disner speeches, Gorbachev and Singh praised their two countries' cooperation. Singh cited Gorbachev's "courage and visionary thinking" and Gorbachev thanked India for its support for perestrolica, his reform programme.

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AMMAN (J.T.). — Jordan's appointed ambassador to Libya Hisham Al Muheisen said Monday that he would exert all efforts to bolster ties between Jordan and Libya, severed since 1984, with a view to enhancing Arab solidarity and joint Arab action. Speaking to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, on the even of his departure for Tripoli to take up his post, Muheisen said that he would not only try to strengthen existing trade and cultural and social links between the two countries, but would also attempt to open new avenues for mutual cooperation in the fields of health, education and tourism.

#### 70.000 emigres to israel so far this year

TEL AVIV (R) - Some 70,000 immigrants have come to Israel so far this year, most from the Soviet Union, Immigration Minister Yitzhak Peretz told a flaring row with Iraq parliamentary committee Monday. He predicted 20,000 immigrants a month from August onwards, his spokeswoman said. Earlier official estimates projected 150,000 immigrants this year. Peretz said 61,000 immigrants have come from the Soviet Union this year but a third of them are non-Jewish relatives of Soviet Jews.

#### **Bush sends peace** message to Egypt

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (R) -U.S. President George Bush sent Egyptian leader Hosni Mnbarak a message. Monday stressing Washington's commitment to achieving peace in the Middle East, government sources said. "Working together, we can meet our common goals, chief of which is our desire for peace in the Middle East," Bush told Mubarak in a message congratulating him on the anniversary of Egypt's 1952 revolution.

#### Rafsanjani attacks opponents

NICOSIA (R) - Iran's pragmatist President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani Monday launched a scathing attack on his hardline rivals. Rafsanjani called for closer relations with the outside world, saying Iran could not survive without friends. He defended the role of the Experts' Assembly, which chooses Iran's supreme leader, after leading radical Ali Akbar Mohtashemi sparked a political row by attacking its members last week. "If a person or a trend is thinking of weakening that holy organisation (the assembly), their action will be regarded as treason and will not be tolerated," Tehran radio quoted Rafsanjani as telling a gathering of clergymen.

#### Fire reported at Soviet nuclear plant

MOSCOW (R) - An electrical fire at a nuclear power station in Central Russia forced the plant to shut down automatically, but there was no damage to the reactor, the government daily Izvestia said Monday. The station at Smolensk, 375 kilometres southwest of Moscow, was of a design similar to one at Chemobyl in the Ukraine where a reactor went out of control in 1986, sending radioactive fallout over a wide area. A fire in an electric cable running to a reserve boiler at the Smolensk station triggered the automatic shut down Sunday, the report said. Firefighters put out the blaze.

### 'Zulu war' spreads

JOHANNESBURG (R) - At least 18 people were killed in weekend political warfare in black townships near Johannesburg, police said Monday. Followers of Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi clashed with backers of the leftist African National Congress (ANC) after a rally in Sebokeng township Sunday, a spokesman said. It was the bloodiest spillover into South Africa's industrial heartland of faction fighting that has claimed more than 3,000 lives in the eastern province of Natal.

#### AMMAN TUESDAY, JULY 24, 1990, MUHARRAM 2, 1411

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In his first public comments on

fuse the crisis between Baghdad

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Arah Emirates (UAE) of stab-

bing Baghdad in the back hy

overproducing oil and forcing

down prices, Syrian President

Hafez Al Assad said quiet di-

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Faisal (Petra photo).

Iraqi media launch attack on Sheikh Sabah

infuriated Baghdad.

Kuwait defends itself in

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"Sabah Al Ahmad has been

further exposed as a U.S. agent

when he abandoned the Arah

choice and sent his memorandum

to international forums to take

the issue out of the Arah

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Sheikh Sabah, 61, has been

Kuwait's foteign minister since

1963 and is also deputy prime

minister. He is a leading member

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war, during which it supported Baghdad with billions of dollars.

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government of Kuwaiti Prime

Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdul-

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Al Thawra accused him of

of the ruling royal family.

of his friends in the Gulf."

### Egypt said to propose four-point mediation plan King discusses Gulf row with

Mubarak and Aziz in Cairo

AMMAN - His Majesty King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Muharak Monday discussed the dispute between Iraq and Kuwait and held a separate meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz and told reporters afterwards that both Jordan and Egypt would exert all efforts to resolve the row.

"I will do all I can to help end this problem," the King told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, upon his return from Cairo after his talks with Mnbarak and Aziz.

His visit to Cairo, the King said, was part of efforts among the member states of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) to deal with challenges facing the ACC members as well as other Arab states." The ACC, which was established in February 1989, groups Jordan with Egypt, Yemen and Iraq.

"We are still at the beginning of the road and have a lot to do,"

Combined agency dispatches said the King, the current ACC chairman. "We started the first year by laying down the groundwork, followed by agreements which are now being im-Diemented.

Petra said the King and Mubarak held a round of talks before meeting with Aziz, who was visiting Cairo in the wake of the Iraqi-Kuwaiti dispute. The two leaders' talks covered "means to settle inter-Arah differences and unify Arah ranks" as well as efforts to give new momentum to the Middle East peace process,

according to Petra. The King also held a separate

round of talks with Aziz. As the King held these meetings, the delegation accompanying him — which included His Royal Highness Prince Abdullab, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem — held talks with Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki and other senior offi- phoned Muharak Monday what

home, sent a cable to Mubarak contain it. thanking him for the hospitality extended to him and the delegation during the visit. "Our meet-ing and talks with you were another opportunity to consolidate our brotherly links and gather collective efforts to serve the interests of the Arah Homeland and Nation," the cable said. "I am sure this meeting between us today will bave its fruitful results in our march towards our glorious goals to serve the best interests of our present and future Arab generations," it said.

The King's visit to Cairo marked another phase in Arab diplomatic efforts to settle the Iraq-Kuwait dispote which flared after Baghdad accused Kuwait of exploiting oil from Iraqi territory and undermining world oil prices by overproduction.

Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, the emir of Kuwait, tele-

the president's office termed a The King, upon his return review of the crisis and efforts to

> The consultations coincided with reports from Kuwait about a fourpoint Egyptian mediation plan. At the end of the talks, Mubarak told reporters the meetings among

> dination to clear the air." At a joint news conference held with King Hussein shortly before the monarch's departure, Mubarak said "Iraq and Kuwait are two Arab countries with joint borders." He express ed confidence the problem between them will be solved

Aziz also attended the conference and flew back home soon after. Mubarak told the press conference am certain that what has been

called a problem is in itself easy to solve. I am certain the two countries will reach a quiet and comfortable noise which is happening in the media," he said.

Aziz told reporters that Iraq was not guilty of threatening Kuwait or

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### Restrictions eased on bridge

crossing By Jamal Halaby Associated Press

AMMAN - The Israeli occupation authorities this weekend eased restrictions on Arabs crossing the Jordan River hridges, helping reduce a backlog of people waiting and sometimes camping on the eastern side, a bridge official said Monday.

Colonel Hammad Al Attar, commander of Jordan's bridge guard units, said Israel had allowed almost 2,000 Palestinians to cross the King Hussein Bridge by midday Monday and another 500 were due to cross before its closure in the early afternoon.

He told the Associated Press in an interview that another 1,000 people had crossed the Prince Mohammad Bridge and an expected 500 were on their way to

enter. Attar said Monday was the second day of normal crossing after Jordan protested last Thursday that the Israeli occupation authorities had "sharply and suddenly" reduced human traffie across the bridges connecting Jordan with the Israeli-occupied ter-

ritorics. Israel last week rejected Jordan's accusations of hampering agreed passage. Dan Naveb. spokesman for Defence Minister Moshe Arens, contended that the accusation was "not true."

"We were very surprised at the Israeli denial," Attar said, noting that hundreds of Palestinians bad jammed the bridge station oo the eastern side and some even slept there awaiting their turn to cross. He said among these travellers,

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Israelis seal OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - In the West Bank men beat to death Yassin Skafi, a ensure basic human rights for village of Halboul near Herbon, Israeli forces Monday scaled the houses of two Palestinians suspected of stoning an Israeli man

and woman last month, In the Gaza Strip village of Beit Hanoun, Israeli forces arrested a group aligned with Fatch. They would not reveal its size.

Military sources said they were suspected of shooting at a military vehicle, hurling petrol bombs at Israeli cars, attacking a suspected collaborator and threatening Arabs who worked in Israel.

A Palestinian kidnapped and beaten by unknown assailants in the West Bank died before reaching hospital Monday,

attack was unclear. Residents identified him as Ahmad Ibrahim Antouri, 26, from Qalqilya.

20-year-old Palestinian, Palestinians under occupation apparently on suspicion of collaborating with Israel, police

Throughout the West Bank, police searched for an Israeli Arab abdincted at the weekend as he drove past Attil village.

Relatives said Nizar Mohammad Daka, 28, was yanked from his car by masked youths. Sources said the abduction was over a family feud.

Human rights

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ies, a legislator said Monday. Ammon Rubinstein, member

In Arab Jerusalem Sunday, 12 Shinui Party, said the way to was to incorporate the four Geneva conventions into Israeli law.

Israel has signed the conventions and declared repeatedly that it observes their provisions. But the conventions are not binding because, unlike in other countries, they were never made law, Rubinstein said.

The conventions are a series of treaties signed in Geneva, Switzerland, between 1864 and 1949 on the treatment of combatants and civilians in wartime.

A bill to adopt the conventions Israel speaks with two voices as law will be debated Wednesday by parliament. Rubinstein, sponsor of the measure, told a news conference that it can succeed if the Labour Party requires its members to vote in favour.

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#### battles in S Lebanon

Continued SIDON (Ageucies) - Rival Shi'ite Muslim factions reinforced their frontlines at a mountain-top town in South Lebanon Monday. Thousands of villagers fled the

His Majesty King Hussein and the delegation which

received upon their return home after their brief

panied him on a visit to Cairo Monday are

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - within the Arah League."

Kuwait, defending itself against

Iraqi charges that it sought to

draw foreign powers into their

worsening confrontation, denied

Monday it sought U.N. interven-

tion and said it wanted Arabs to

There was no immediate reac-

tion to Monday's bitter personal

attack in the official Iraqi media

on Foreign Minister Sheikh

Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah,

The Kuwaiti News Agency

(KUNA), quoting an official

source, said the emirate's memor-

andum last week to United Na-

tions Secretary General Javier

Perez de Cuellar was in line with

"Kuwait would ike to assert

submitted that memo it never

requested that it be distributed to

member nations or that the U.N.

secretary general should act upon

it," it quoted the official source as

"Kuwait is concerned that all

issues which arise about relations

between brothers should be dealt

branded as a U.S. agent.

international practice.

settle the dispute.

region, fearing further warfare. Police reported a marked decrease in fighting between the pro-Iranian fundamentalist Hizbollah, and the Syrian-backed Amal militia around the strategic town of Jarjou.

They said a combatant was killed and two Amal militiamen were wounded in day-long, sporadie exchanges of artillery and sniper fire as the battle for a cluster of villages near Israel's self-designated "security zone" entered a second week.

Police said the dead fighter was Damascus-hased Arah Baath symbolic force of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party have been Toufah district 40 kilometres

fighting alongside Amal. Israeli airforce jets monitored

premier himself.

the fighting in repeated reconnaissance flights over Sonth Lebanon Monday, police said. Monday's casualties raised the toll to 126 people killed and 369 wounded since the fighting broke

out July 16. The bombardments hit at least 10 villages but concentrated on the village of Jarjouh, captured by Hizboliah in house-to-house

Amal and its allies, backed by covering fire from Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters, have failed to retake the village despite fierce counterattacks.

An Iranian embassy delegation Syrian who belonged to the led by Gholamreza Valizadeh continued talks with militis offi-Party. About 200 Baathists and a cials in Sidon to try to end the battles in the nearby Iqlim Al south of Beirut.

The Iranian diplomat said he was trying to implement a pact signed by Hizbollah and Amal under the sponsorship of Damascus and Tehran 18 months ago.

The "Damascus accord" was never carried out because the warring factions had different interpretations of its articles. Amal has blamed Tehran for

the violence and said Iranian Revolutionary Guards were fighting alongside Hizbollah in Iglim Al Toufah. Hundreds of Revolutinnary Guards are deployed in the eastern Bekaa Valley.

Witnesses and security sources said both sides were reinforcing their positions with men and ammunition. A 600-man PLO 'disengagement' force which deployed last week between the two sides was also strengthening its

#### the international community and a shrill one justifying repressive sources said. They said the motive for the actions in the occupied territor-

of parliament from the liberal

### Maghreb states plan joint customs

ALGIERS (Agencies) - The leaders of five Maghreh countries ended a two-day summit Monday by agreeing to study creating a common customs service and agricultural market.

The measures taken by the beads of state of Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia and Mauritania pushed the regional bloc they created 13 months ago, the Arab Maghreb Unioo, towards a more integration economy.

An end-of-summit communique said agreements had been reached to encourage crossborder investment and to study the details of creating a common customs service and agriculture

On foreign policy, the leaders agreed to "morally, materially and diplomatically" support the Palestinian uorising.

They also urged Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi to the union is to create a common

defuse the war of words between economic market. Benjedid Iraq and Kuwait over oil prices. Other details of decisions decade.

talks were not immediately available. Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, who took over the union's rotating sixth-month presidency in June from Tunisian President

Zine Al Abidine Beo Ali, hosted the gathering. Since creating the union last year, the five countries bave agreed to waive passport checks

at airports for their nationals, along the lines currently used within the 12-nation European Community (EC). Ben Ali said Saturday that the

union would ask the EC to study the debt burdens of the Maghreh countries and review its aid policies towards the region.

One of the long-term goals of

would like ooe by the end of the

reached during the closed-door In recent months, the five states have discussed creating a single union of Arab Maghreh airline and expanding rail and road transportation links between their countries.

Their foreign ministers have also encouraged expanded dialogue and cooperation with the

The Maghreb states link 65 million people with a combined gross national product of more than \$100 billioo a year. Only a fraction of current trade and investment is now conducted

among member states. The summit denooneed "threats and the recourse to force against any Arab country, considering them threats against the security of the Arab World in general."

### Petra Bank scandal: Story unfolding of shady dealings, puzzling questions and chaos in account books

Chalabi's dubious banking activities make other scandals pale in comparison

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The intricacies of one of the worst scandals in Middle East hanking history are expected to unfold soon when details of the collapsed Petra Bank "empire" emerge into the open through legal proceedings against those who are involved in the affair, according to officials and bank-

Varyingly described by officials and banking circles as the "smartest operator" and "the higgest crook in Jordanian banking history", Ahmad Chalahi, former chairman and director general of Petra Bank,

held the keys to a puzzle that took an elite team of banking and monetary experts a whole year to pry open. Chalabi left the country in a hurry in August last year when the authorities took control of his troubled banking institution. The exact means through which he departed the Kingdom remains unknown, and all kinds of theories and scenarios have been tossed around to find out how he left and his present whereabouts.

"It is more a question of the total disarray in the bank's records and the sheer magnitude of violations of hanking laws and disregard for all accepted norms of hanking practices which could make it one of the worst banking problems," according to a senior official familiar with the affair. "The volume of money involved may be little when compared to other similar cases elsewhere in the world, but the affairs of Petra Bank would make the collapses of some other banks look like Sunday school classes in comparison," added the official, who preferred anonymity. 'One of the worst in Mideast'

Economic analysts believe that the Petra Bank affair could be second only to if not at par with the collapse of Intra Bank, which broke down in 1967 after years of dominating the Middle East banking scene as the number one bank in

that while Intra Bank was the largest commercial bank in Lebanon, Petra Bank was the second largest commercial bank in Jordan," commented a noted analyst. Banking wizards called in to help

investigations into the Petra Bank scandal, which sent shock waves through the entire banking systemin the country, express shock and dismay at what is described as "the total chaos that awaited us in the books of accounts" at an institution widely hailed as having brought in some of the most modern banking techniques into the country.

"It has been a really hard and difficult job," said Dr. Maher Waked, a member of an investigating team which stepped into the picture early this year after four months of inquiries revealed that it

brains in Jordan to make any sense of the financial affairs of Petra Bank, "The most difficult burdle in our mission was the absence of documents since there was no proper records of transactions," Waked told the Jordan Times.

### 'Abnormal and absurd'

The investigations, conducted by whom bankers and economists describe as "top experts" in their respective areas of banking specialisation, have found that there had been "gross violations of banking regulations set by the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ), and unorthodox practices detrimental to the interests of the bank and its shareholders," said Dr. Waked, a director of the Bank of Jordan and a former member of the CBJ board of direc-

"Unorthodox banking practices are not a new phenomenon, nor are they punishable by law except when such practices undermine the interests of the bank as an institution and its shareholders," he added. "In the case of Petra Bank, this bolds true."

"Petra Bank operations were totally abnormal and absurd," he said. "In many cases, we (the invesrigators) had to go and search for records ourselves since there were no corresponding entries in

"Placing deposits without proper assessment of their soundness and granting loans without proper collateral and credit facilities to lossmaking institutions are only part of the picture that emerged," he said.

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Ahmed Chelebi

## Kuwait walks diplomatic high rope

Reuter

KUWAIT — Kuwait's low-key response to Iraq's angry outburst against its oil policy has underlined the precarious position of the small but wealthy Guif state in the face of threats from a mighty neighbour.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah has described the row that had rocked the Gulf as "a summer cloud" that he hoped would soon go away.

Diplomats said Kuwait could do little else but take the diplomatic high road since Iraq would prove far too strong a military opponent and Kuwait could not fully rely on allies such as the United States to step in to protect their oil supplies.

Despite the sabre-rattling rhetorie from Iraq, diplomats did not expect the dispute to escalate into armed conflict. Iraq has one million soldiers and a missile programme sharpened by eight years of war with Iran and Kuwait has only 20,300 men under arms.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R)

- Jewish settlers in the Isracli-

occupied territories met the top

U.S. diplomat in West Jerusalem

Monday but left discouraged af-

ter being told they were an obsta-

U.S. Consul General Philip

Wilcox told the four settler lead-

ers, all American citizens, that

Washington opposed their settle-

ment of the occupied West Bank

The settlers said a two-hour

meeting at the consulate in Jew-

ish West Jerusalem had failed to

convince Wilcox the 90.000 Jews

and 1.75 million Palestinians of

the occupied lands deserved to be

"What was discouraging to me

treated with even-handedness.

ALGIERS (R) - Algerian Mus-

lim fundamentalist leader Abbasi

Madani Sunday reiterated his de-

mand for a dissolution of parlia-

ment following the sweeping vic-

tory of his Islamic Salvation Front

(FIS) in local elections last

FIS President Madani told a

news conference he would hold

talks with the government to dis-

cuss an appropriate date for fresh

'We first of all address

legislative elections.

month.

cle to peace.

and Gaza Strip.

that Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were sabotagins its economy by producing too much oil as part of a conspiracy instigated by the United States to drive down world oil prices.

Iraq said the two Gulf states had robbed Iraq and the rest of the Arab world of billions of dollars in oil revenues through their over-production. It said it had lost \$14 billion so far this year and threatened to take unspecified action against the two if they continued this "dangerous poli-

Baghdad saved its sharpest barbs for Kuwait however, saying in a message to the Arab League that Kuwait had also stolen more than \$2.4 billion worth of crude oil reserves from Iraq since 1980 and had made other territorial infringements.

Kuwait responded in its own message to the league, that Iraq was stealing its reserves and occupying Kuwaiti land. It sent cabinet ministers on a tour of the Arab World to give its response to the Iraqi attack.

many examples of unfairness and

inequity... he consistently fell

back on this policy of our com-

munities being an obstacle to

peace," Marc Zell, formerly of

A consulate statement said

Wilcox had told the group that

Washington viewed settlements

as a unilateral decision to use the

land resources without negotia-

tion between Israelis and Palesti-

formed group to represent the

settlers' cause abroad, said they

hoped to prove they were a grow-

ing political force despite the

Co-chairman Bobby Brown

was pleased that Wilcox and a

31-month-old uprising.

on." he said.

Zell, chairman of a recently

Washington, told Reuters.

U.S. diplomat discourages settlers

Algerian front demands dissolution of parliament

month.

Brown said.

producers has been simmering for some time, but nobody expected it to burst into flames the way it did," said one Western diplomat.

Iraq, which has nearly double the number of men under arms than there are Kuwaiti nationals: was especially hard hit by the six-month slide in oil prices this year because it was counting on oil revenues to fund its massive post-war reconstruction program-

Regardless of the harshness of Iraq's words, the diplomats said they believed the quarrel would gradually subside as other Arab countries used their influence to calm tempers. Further efforts to resolve the dispute could be expected at a full meeting of OPEC starting in Geneva on Thursday. But, they added, Kuwait would have to pay a price to finally

settle the row. A statement by the Kuwaiti parliament on Wednesday hinted that Iraq might be seeking compensation, and not simply future adherence to ontput quotas assigned by the Organisation of

agreed to meet the group this

"It shows in general a greater

recognition that we are factor in

any future equation that will

occur, that 100,000 Jews that are

now sitting in 'Judea and Samar-

ia,' growing at between 12 and 16

per cent a year, will have to be

taken into consideration on the

ultimate destiny of that land,"

man rights reports they said

ignored violations against Jews in

the occupied territories. They

also accused the consulate of

hampering peace efforts by en-

couraging visiting U.S. dignitar-

ies to meet Arabs and not Jews

Israeli settlers have killed

The settlers assailed U.S. hn-

(OPEC).

"Kuwait bases its relations with all world nations on the principles of peace and justice and denonnces the policies of violence. threats and blackmail," it said.

Kuwait felt betrayed by the Iraqi onslaught which was viewed by officials, ordinary Kuwaitis and the media as an act of gross ingratitude, the diplomats said.

Like most ot the other Gulf states, Kuwait gave billions of dollars to Iraq to help finance its 1980-88 war against Iran, Kuwait officials estimate Kuwaiti grants and loans to Iraq during the eight years of war with Iran at more than \$30 billion.

The state-censored press has adopted a conciliatory tone since the start of the crisis, but editorials and radio commentaries have been filled with reminders of Kuwait's generous aid.

'It must have hurt them extra bad because it came from what they considered to be their longterm ally," one diplomat said .
Diplomats said Sheikh Sabah's comment that the row was no

Palestinians and gone on ram-

pages through Arab vilages des-

troying property, but Zell insisted

these represented an extremist

State Department representatives

of our communities as a fanatic

element. It's simply not the

basically been silent in this sphere

up until now, these charges have

gone largely unanswered. Our

job is to set the record straight,"

Wilcox urged the settlers to sup-

port early Israeli-Palestinian

negotiations to end the conflict

The consulate statement said

he said.

and ensure peace.

Because our community has

case," said Zell, a lawyer.

"There has been a tendency by

Petroleum Exporting Countries more than a passing summer (OPEC).

But Kuwaitis took some comfort when Washington reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to protect friendly Arab states. The State Department comment in reaction to the Iraqi threats against Kuwait was given front-page coverage in local newspapers.

Kuwaiti oil tankers, most flying under the American flag, were given U.S. naval excort during the Iran-Iraq war after several Kuwaiti ships were attacked.

The diplomats and other analysts said Iraq would continue to stall on moves towards a settlement of a long-running border dispute which led to the Iraqi charges of theft of crude oil reserves and other territorial in-

Noting that the two countries have come close to war over an undefined desert region on their frontier twice since 1961, the diplomats said the issue was Baghdad's best bargaining chip in extracting concessions from

### Taiwan to send envoys to discuss here and abroad to see residents

TAIPEI (R) - Taiwan will send two envoys to Riyadh Tuesday to negotiate future relations with Saudi Arabia following the kingdom's switch of recognition to China, the Foreign Ministry said

Saudi ties

Monday. Taiwan severed diplomatic relations with Sandi Arabia Sunday after Riyadh established ties with Beijing. But both Taiwan and Saudi Arabia said they would continue economic and other

Foreign Minister Fredrick Chien told reporters Monday he was not optimistic about the negotiations. He said there had been no contacts with senior

Saudi officials since June 1. "They have not even revealed what they expect out of this round of talks," said Chien.

· Chien tendered his resignation to Premier Han Pei-Tsun Mönday, taking responsibility for the diplomatic break. Hau asked him to stay on.

Taiwan is now recognised by only 27 countries.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has accepted an invitation to visit Beijing following the establishment of diplomatic relations, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Oichen said Sunday. An exchange of letters between

Saudi and Chinese leaders, released by the Saudi Press Agencv. described the establishment of ties with China as an important event promoting world peace and stability.

Qian, addressing a news conference in Jeddah Sunday at the end of a three-day visit, said Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal had also been invited to Beijing but no date had been set for either visit.

"Following the establishment of these ties it is certain that economic and trade relations between the two countries will be totally developed," said Qian, who left Sunday night for a threeday visit to Cyprus.

Sandi newspapers Monday hailed the decision to establish diplomatic ties with China. Al Riyadh said China was heading for superpower standing with an influence on international decisions."

#### bruising contest that appears to open the way to a long leadership struggle while strengthening Israel's right-wing government. Peres scored the surprise win Sunday in a Labour Party central committee vote on who should lead the fight against Prime Mininster Yitzhak Shamir's Liknd party. Public opinion polls say Rabin is the only Labour "Likud is very happy tonight because Shimon Peres is the weaker opponent, We believe the polls," a senior government offi-

but Shamir savours victory

Peres wins Labour vote

TEL AVIV (R) - Labour Party-

Chairman Shimon Peres has defe-

ated arch-rival Yitzhak Rabin in a

leader who can defeat Likud.

"Likud feared a Rabin victory

because he would have pushed

for a unity government," he said.

"Shamir is growing to like the

new government. He is less in-

terested in having a unity govern-

ment and thus was less interested

The 54 per cent to 46 per cent

vote against Rabin's motion to

settle the leadership contest this

month will touch off a protracted

power struggle within Labour un-

til elections next year, relieving

Likud of an effective parliamen-

Peres led Labour out of a

coalition with Likud in March

and then toppled Shamir over his

refusal to accept a U.S. proposal

voted to the peace talks but was

humiliated when two religious

parliamentarians withdrew their

most hardline government in

among Israelis as an electoral

He has failed to win a clear

victory in four general elections

since replacing then-Prime Minis-

ter Rabin as Labour head in 1977.

round when 60 of the 100 mem-

pers in th Labour executive back-

ed his request to advance the

timing of the leadership contest.

It recommended the 1,400-strong

On July 12 Rabin won the first.

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cial told Reuters.

the same decision. The seven-hour meeting was at times a hissing match between Peres supporters, who made personal attacks on Rabin, and Rabin backers who argued Peres was well past his prime.

"Peres was a great leader in histime, not today...," said parlia-mentarian Shimon Shitreet, a Rabin supporter.

"Even Moses accepted the announcement he must quit. But Shimon Peres refuses."

Several Labour members have urged both Peres, 66, and Rabin, 68, to step down with dignity to allow a younger generation to take over the party reins.

Four younger Labour Party leaders, including former army for talks with Palestinians. The talks in Cairo were to prepare chief-of-staff Mordechai Gar. 60. Israeli-sponsored elections in the have said they will join the party Peres was given the first chance leadership contest. "I fell in love with my party to form a new government de-

again," declared a happy Peres, whose victory came as a surprise even to some of his own suppor-

The party and the country Within three months of an hisshall benefit from this victory,' he toric parliamentary win, Labour was in opposition for the first time since 1984 and Shamir was

Just before official results of back in power, at the head of the the vote were announced at the end of the seven-hour meeting Israeli history and on a potential here, dancing and singing supporcollision course with Washington. ters surrounded Peres, and many. Analysts said Peres's win Sunwere kissing and hugging their day did not erase his image leader.

The committee voted by secret ballot on when and in what form elections for party chairman should be held. It also voted on whether to have a candidate for prime minister separate from the. party chairman, a demand. opposed by Peres.

labour members present sup-grounds. Security guards sepaported Peres and decided to post-rated the two sides before injuries central committee should take pone the leadership contest; as resulted.



opposed to Rabin's 46 per cent. The figures were calculated after exclusion of some 10 per cent who abstained.

"I accept the majority decision. I thank the great number of central committe members who saw the need for a change but the majority decides. I believe that from now on, the party should be united... and organise itself as an opposition confronting Likud," Rabin said.

The two Labour leaders then briefly shook hands. Although both Rabin and

Peres appealed for party unity, and Peres promised not to "settle accounts," observers predicted that Labour will remain split and unable to present a strong oppos-"We will see two organised and

hostile camps, with leaders who hardly speak with each other... a kind of prolonged war of attrition. Likud may forget about opposition, it will have an easy life in the government," said Israel Radio's political observer, Hanan Cristal

Gur, a senior Labour member and a Rabin supporter, claimed that Peres victory has weakened the party." "We thought we should change

the leadership to lead a strong, active opposition. With Peres it would be very difficult. We shall do our best but I'm afraid it would not be as strong as it could have been." Gar said. Bitter internal fighting was evi-

dent during Sunday's debate. As the elderly leaders verbally attacked each other, angry young backers of the two former prime According to official results, impristers scuffled pear the some 54 per cent of the 1,212 podium at Tel Aviv's exhibition

### ourselves to the president who Rushdie film sparks | Postcard campaign **British controversy**

was to see that when pressed on United Nations envoy had both

LONDON (AP) — A British film board has banned a Pakistani film which portrays author Salman Rushdie as the murderous agent of an international conspiracy. The Independent newspaper

Sunday reported that the British board of film classification refused to license distribution of "international guerrillas" be-cause police had advised that it could be criminally libelous. "Many Muslims will protest to

their MPs (members of parliament) and other people... this is donble standards." Mohammad Fayyaz of Tooting Video, who owns worldwide distribution rights to the film, told Independent radio. Rushdie has been in hiding

under guard since February 1989 because of death threats over his novel, "The Satanic Verses."

The 3½-hour film portrays Rushdie as the agent of a Jewish conspiracy against Islam. The film shows the author torturing and killing Muslims, until at last Rushdie is killed by a holt of

If President Chadli Benjedid did not dissolve parliament quickly, Madani said, a national referendum should be held on the issue, or else deputies should themselves resign en masse.

The current parliament, not due for re-election until 1992, is entirely composed of deputies from the ruling National Libera-tion Front which ran a one-party

But the Salman Rushdie De-

fence Committee said it was "de-

batable" whether the film would

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The banning order, she said,

was partly caused by pressure

from Scotland Yard, and stem-

med from fear of breaking the

law rather than any legal process.

was notified of the ruling in a

letter from James Ferman, direc-

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tion. Ferman said the film could

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The Independent said Fayyaz

board feared.

state for 28 years. must as soon as possible dissolve Madani said Benjedid the assembly, which should be appeared to be hesitating to disrenewed before a date we agree solve parliament, "We believed the government would keep its promises and go all the way. But

> The Muslim fundamentalist council that governs Algiers has called for a ban on co-education classrooms, the Algerian news agency APS said.

It said Sunday night that the have to be author Algiers provincial people's education ministry.

assembly, run by the FIS which won local elections last month, made the recommendation Satur-The FIS won control of virtual-

ly every major city at the polls. what appears now is the con-The provincial council of Constantine in the east made a similar bid to separate the sexes earlier

Authorities have said that any

segregation of classrooms would have to be authorised by the

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orga- tant professor at Beirut Universinisers of a postcard campaign seeking the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon are asking the public to send a new wave of

cards to the White House. "It is also debatable whether The first campaign — in which the majority of British Muslims 450,000 postcards were mailed to would condone, let alone sup-port, its message," said commit-tee spokesman Frances D'Souza. President George Bush - was started last year to show the administration that the public She said Rushdie himself becares about the hostages and lieved the film "should be in the wants them released, said Anne Zickl, who is running the Campublic domain so that any libel or offence may be dealt with accordpaign for the Journalists' Committee to Free Terry Anderson. ing to the due process of law."

Anderson, the Associated Press' chief Middle East correspondent, was taken hostage March 16, 1985. He is the longest beld of the 16 Western hostages in the Middle East.

"We do believe that the heightened awareness across the country helped bring about the release of Polhill and Reed," Zickl said. Frank Reed, director of the Lebanese International School, was freed April 30 after 31/2 years in captivity. Robert Polhill, assis-

seeks hostage release ty College, was held almost 21/2 years before being released April

> Zick said the idea for the postcard campaign started with a journalist committee member who heard a State Department official say the American people did not care about the hostages.

The American people are not passive on issues of human rights if they are informed," she said. She said that once the campaign started getting publicity, she could not answer the telephone fast enough. "I had people call me and say

'we didn't even know those people were still there," she said. The new campaign began July 4. The postcard carries photographs of the hostages with the

"A nation that chooses not to pursue freedom for an innocent captive resigns its own freedom. Those who choose not to listen will themselves cry out and never be heard."

### Soviets cause Israel house crisis, tent cities spring up

By Sharmine Narwani Reuter

TEL AVIV - Tent cities are springing up across Israel where a flood of Soviet immigrants has sparked a housing crisis, forcing many poor people out of their homes.

As rents go through the roof, the new homeless have burned tyres and attacked policemen in street demonstrations demanding urgent help from the govern-More than 11,000 Soviet Jews

arrived in June, bringing the total this year to 50,000. All receive cash grants from the government to help them survive, making them temporarily better off than many Israelis. Another 100,000 Soviet Jews

are expected by the end of the year - a source of joy to many Israelis, but not to those facing even higher rents or already sleeping in tents. The immigrants are not to

blame. The government is to blame," homeless mother-of-two

Dina Klatkachi told Reuters. Klatkachi, 38, said her landlord wanted to raise the rent of her \$300-a-month apartment by \$100. On her husband's \$650 wage they could not pay, so they moved to a

couples in Ganei Tikva near Tel Aviv. "There must be (more) con-struction," Klatkachi said, vowing to continue protests to perstrade the government to build more houses.

"What will be the immigrants" fate in another year?" she said. "They'll leave their apartments too - and then what will they have?"

An immigrant family of three automatically gets an "absorption basket" of some \$11,000, onethird on arrival at the airport. Rents in Israel soared an average of 32 per cent in the year to

June, twice the rate of inflation. official statistics show. In some areas rents have doubled. Young couples, single parents and soldiers doing national ser-

demands include a rent freeze and subsidies similar to those tent camp sheltering 55 young received by immigrants.

The government this mouth announced it would house immig-

cally to meet the crisis. normal requirements. About

"The problem has been bureaucracy and red tape," a housing ministry spokesman told Reuters, explaining why more

Sharon, better known for leading an invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and labelled the ("bulldozer") for his approach to problems, hopes to solve the crisis.

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## Sudan, a shattered country, needs national reconciliation, ex-leader says

By Sahar Qara'een and P.V. Vivekanand

AMMAN - Restoration of democratic life in Sudan can be realised only after national reconciliation has been achieved to enable Khartoum to tackle the festering rebellion in the south of the country, and the present military regime appears to be the best suited to serve this objective, if only because the Sudanese need to speak in one voice to resolve the conflict, according to a former military head of state of the North African Arab com-

'We are a shattered conntry," said Field Marshal Abdul Rahman Swareddahab. "Our priority is to achieve national reconciliation among all parties concerned in northern Sudan before turning to the south and then settling other problems.

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Swareddahab, who served as head of the interim council which took power after the 1985 coup which overthrew the dictatorship of Jasfar Numciri. said he believed that the present military regime of Lientenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir has succeeded in establishing some form of law and order in the country as well as "one single voice" in the context of the decades-old revolt in the south of the country.

The field marshal, who drew wide acclaim as the sole Arab leader ever to voluntarily give up power when he stepped down in 1986 in favour of the elected government of Sadeq Al Mahdi, said he and "some friends" whom he described as neutral were exerting efforts to bring all Sudanese parties together in a national reconciliation bid.

Swareddahab, expressing tacit support for Bashir who overthrew Mahdi in a military coup in June last year, said he believed that the regime was "genuine" in its avowed goal of addressing some of the major political and economic problems of impoverished Sudan, plagned by famine and drought and compounded by civil war.

According to Swareddahab, the biggest hurdle facing Sudan is the revol: in south, led by the Sudanese People's Liberation Front (SPLF) of John Garang based in Ethiopia. Several rounds of peace talks initiated by the Mahdi government as well as the Bashir regime with the rebels have failed to make any headway to resolve the conflict, which, Swareddahah said, dates back to 1955.

The field marshal, who was interviewed by the Jordan Times during a visit he paid to Jordan to attend a meeting of a relief committee chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, rejected Garang's claims that underdevelopment in the south and domination of the mainly Arah northerners over the mostly animist southerners were the root causes of the conflict.

He pointed out that the conflict had erupted even before Sudan gained independence from Britain in 1956 and went on and off until 1972 when an agreement reached in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, managed to suspend open hostilities until the latest flare-up in 1983.

Swareddahah said Israeli support for the rebels was as old as the conflict itself, which, he said, was fuelled by the British colonial power through deliberate negligence of the south and "warnings to the southerners that they would end up as slaves of the Arabs in the north."

In the post-independence period, he said, consecutive regimes had drawn up plans to set up plantations and sugar industries in the south in a bid to develop the area but all such efforts were in vain because of the civil war. "Who was responsible for foiling these lans except the rebel forces?"

"I do not know what Garang wants," he said. "When I was head of the military council I invited him to come to Khartourn and sit down to discuss what he wants, but he never

came. The present regime also invited him several times; again be did not respond."

Swareddahab, one of the most respected Sudanese leaders in the Arah and international scene, lashed out at Israel for its support of the rebels. 'They have supplied tanks and armoured personnel carriers to the rebels," he said, explaining that it was in the Jewish state's interests to keep Sudan preoccupied with internal problems so that it cannot be involved in the Arab-Israeli

"Once we are able to end the problem in the south, all other problems of Sudan can he tackled," Swareddahah asserted. "This requires the presence of a strong unified front to deal with Garang either peacefully or militarily.

"Achieving a united front in north Sudan will leave little opportunity for Garang to play around," he said. "The military option is there, but any such option should be coupled with political solutions," he

Swareddahah estimated the number of actual SPLF fighters at over 50,000 and said most of them were trained in Cuba. On the other side, be said, the Sndanese army is almost three times this number.

The career officer, who has undergone military training in Jordan decades ago, shied away from answering a question on whether the army was well-equipped to exercise the military option against the re-bels. But, he said, "the regime needs to be in a good, strong military position," and lamented what he described as apathy on the part of consecutive governments in Sudan to take the rebellion seriously and turn attention to the armed

Swareddahah believes that the Bashir regime could stay in power for several years, particularly after the execution three months ago of 28 military officers who were accused of involvement in a coup attempt. Without indicating whether he supported or opposed the

executions which drew wide condemnation from many Arab and international circles as well as Sudan itself, the field marshal observed that the Bashir regime had consolidated its grip on power hy using the execution as a deterrent against further bids to stage coups d'etat

"It reminds me of the execution of five officers involved in a coup attempt against the military regime in 1957," be said. "The spate of conpattempts in the immediate post-independence period was brought to a swift end with these executions, and the military government stayed in power for another six years without 'disruption.'

#### 'Bold economic steps'

Wearing the traditional Sudanese garb and relaxing in his botel room, Swareddahah described as 'bold steps' some of the measures taken by the military regime to address the chronic economic problems in

He pointed out that Sudan, one of the biggest producers of sugar in Africa, was never an exporter of the commodity until last year when it exported 20,000 tonnes after the regime reorganised the sngar distribution system and blocked all efforts to smuggle sugar across its borders as it was the case over the past decades.

Another move by the Bashir government in the context of economy, he said, was the retirement of about 50,000 secur-

The regime found that

these people were redundant when seen in light of the needs of the country," he said. "It was really a bold decision." Among other steps taken by the government, he said, were

major allocations for the agricultural sector in the budget and encouragement to commercial banks to grant loans to farmers. He also noted that the Re-

volutionary Command Council headed by Bashir had been organising almost weekly. meetings attended by people's



Abdul Rahman Swareddahab

representatives to discuss the people's needs and the situation in the country. Swareddahah explained why

signals coming out of Khartoum have led to a widespread belief that Bashir had aligned himself with the Islamie Salvation Front, the leading Muslim fundamentalist group in Sudan. "It is very clear that about 90 per cent of the Muslim population of Sudan support the implementation of Sharia (Islamic law) as is evident in the fact that the three major parties which dominated the elected parliament (during the Mahdi era) advocated it, he said. He further explained that it was only natural for Bashir to cooperate with the dominant trend in the country.

According to Swareddahab, almost all Arab countries support Bashir and his policies. "In the beginning (immediately after the June 30, 1989 coup) they just watched, and extended support when it became clear that he was going to stay," he said.

Swareddahah said the national reconciliation efforts he was involved in targeted leaders of the 40 or so political parties in Sudan which were outlawed by Bashir when be took power. Contacts are continuing, be said voicing confidence that sooner or later "the people of Sadan could be brought together."

### Palestinian official criticises Moscow for appeasing Israel

By Odeh Odeh Special to the Jordan Times.

AMMAN — The Soviet Union Sunday evening came under vehement attack by a member of a leading Palestinian guerrilla group for allowing the Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine to continue.

"Doesn't Moscow realise that its detente with Washington which brought about an agree-ment on the Jewish immigration is bound to create new conflicts in the Arah region," asked Moha-mamd Al Maslami, member of the political bureau of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palesone (PFLP) and member of the National Committee for the Support of the Intifada in a lecture delivered at the Soviet Cultural Centre in Amman.

In his lecture, entitled "Assessment of Palestinian-Soviet Reladons." Maslami said that the Arabs were grateful to the Soviet

Union for snpplying them with modern weapons to defend themselves against Israel's aggression and for its positive mediation among the various Palestinian groups in 1985.

But, he said, "positive developments in Arab-Soviet reladons in the past can by no means turn our eyes off the ongoing Soviet Jewish immigration which is bound to have detrimental effects on the Palestinian intifada and the Arab World at large."

"Why does the Soviet Union open the door wide for this immigradon to nur homeland, why does it host Zinnist conferences and why has it stopped advocating the idea of an international conference?" asked Maslami with

He said that the Soviet Union was dispatching touristic, cultural and artistic delegations to Israel who return with praise of what they call a "democratic Israel" and an "advanced Jewish state" which continues to slaughter

Arab men, women and children, while similar delegations from the West return only to condemn Israel's atrocities against the Palestinian people and its buman rights violations.

Intifada is bound to continue and the Palestinian people can never surrender or give up the struggle for freedom, undaunted by the seemingly unsurmountable difficulties and obstacles," Masla-

Maslami said that 1,163 Palestinians were killed in the ongoing intifada, gg.000 had heen arrested an 2,009 homes had been demolished.

The Israelis uprooted 188,000 fruit trees from Arah lands and stole Arah property estimated at \$377 billion since 1967, Maslami

He said at least 266 Israeli soldiers were killed since the outbreak of the inofada in December 1987 and 2,063 others have been

### Protection of industrial property can spur investment, transfer of technology

AMMAN (J.T.) - The lack of framework of Jordanian indusproper laws for protection of industrial property in the Kingdom is partly responsible for the limited national investment in industrial research and development over the past years, Minister of Industry and Trade Ziyad Fariz said Monday.

"Proper and effective laws in this regard can not only create. incentives for investments with local capital but will also attract foreign investments and help Jordan benefit from modern technology in the production and services sectors and can contribute to industrial development in the Arah World," the minister said in an opening speech at a three-day meeting on industrial property which opened in Amman Mon-

Such matters can be dealt with through coordination among various industrial property offices in the Arah World which, the minister said, can play a leading role in promoting industrial research and development.

"The Ministry of Industry and Trade is now revising the legal

tries with the purpose of modemising them in a manner that would help national development and achieve the aspired coordination with the Arah countries," he

"Industrial property rights should be protected and given priority in the modernisation process, simply because of their relevance to socio-economie development and contribution towards the transfer of modern technology to the Arah World," the minister pointed out. The Geneva-based World In-

tellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) organised the three-day seminar in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the aim of promoting industrial development in the Arah region.

A participant from West Germany and a UNDP representative addressed the opening session underlining the need for the Arab countries' industrial businesses to exchange expertise, organise training conrses and conduct field tours of industrial projects with the purpose of achieving the required inter-Arab coordination.

According to the organisers, the subjects to be tackled will cover industrial property rights and their contribution towards technological development, trade and economie relations among developing nations, the relationship between industrial property and marketing of industrial products in the Arah World.

WIPO aims at promoting the protection of intellectual property in the world through cooperating among states and, where appropriate, with other international organisations. It also centralises the administration of unions which deal with legal and technical aspects of intellectual

Under an agreement with the United Nations, WIPO is recognised as a specialised agency responsible for promoting creative intellectual activity and for facilitating the transfer of technology to developing countries.

### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday sent a cable to Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'ced of Oman in which he congratulated him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian people on Oman's Al Nahda (national) day. His Majesty wished Sultan Qaboos good health and happiness and the Omani people further progress and prosperity.

### Crown Prince receives Pakistani judge

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received at the Royal Court Monday Pakistani Chief Islamic Judge Sheikh Gul Mohammad Khan who is currently on a visit to Jordan. The meeting was attended by Jordan's Chief Islamic Judge Sheikh Mohammad Mheilan.

### 92.000 cross to W. Bank

AMMAN (J.T.) - More than 92,000 Jordanian and Palestinian citizens crossed the River Jordan into the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during this summer season which started June 13 and will continue until July 20, according to a report published Monday in Al Ra'i Arabic daily. Colonel Hammad Al Atari, director of the Bridges Security Department told Al Ra'i that 56,000 persons have crossed to the West Bank over King Hussein Bridge and 36,000 over Prince Mohammad Bridge.

### Jordanian technicians to be trained in Egypt

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Cooperative Society (JCO) Deputy Director General Mohammad Masalha left Amman Monday for Alexandria, Egypt at the head of a Jordanian delegation comprising several technicians working with JCO. Masalha will discuss with Egyptian officials the prospect of training Jordanian technicians at Al Ma'moura institute in Egypt. JCO, which was established with technical aid from West Germany, runs several agricultural machinery stations in the Kingdom.

### **Jordan celebrates New Year**

with other Islamic nations Monday celebrated Al Hijra (Islamic New Year) and religious celebrations were held in various areas of the Kingdom.

The Ministry of Awquf and. Islamic Affairs, which organised the ceremonies, said in a statement that a major celebration would be held at Al Husscini Mosque downtown Amman Tuesday afernoon during which

Parliament members will address the worshippers.

On the eve of the occasion the Ministry of Awqaf issued a state-ment urging Muslims to adhere to the true spirit of Islamic faith and Islamic teachings and urged them to step up efforts for liberating the holy shrines in occupied Jeru-

All government departments ments.

MMAN (J.T.) - Jordan along Minister of Awqaf and Islamic and public institutions remained Affairs Ali Faqir and at least two closed Monday to mark the occa-

The Royal Court announced that His Majesty King Hussein received cables of good wishes from kings and heads of state of Arab and Islamic nations.

Cables also came from Prime Minister Mndar Badran, speakers of the two houses of parliament and heads of government depart-

# **Brotherhood renews**

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government is dragging it feet in implementing the administrative reforms it pledged to do upon its inception in December 1989 and has failed so far to present parliament with a comprehensive plan. for such reforms, according to Abdul Latif Arabiyat, member of the Lower House of Parliament and spokesman for the Parliamentary Islamic bloc.

"Six months have passed without Parliament hearing anything from the government about its plans for reforms or a clear strategy to deal with the question of soaring prices and the problem

of unemployment," Arabiyat said in a statement published by Sawt 'Al Shaah Arabic daily.

criticism of government

"When the present government was formed, it presented a 14-point policy statement for which it received a vote of confidence from Parliament," said Arabiyat. "It is true that the government succeeded to return the passport, to free political prisoners and open the way for political freedoms among other things, but there is no justifica-tion for the government's delaying measures to deal with pressing administrative issues," said Arabiyat.

He contended that government offices still had large numbers of corrupt people who, despite their past abuses of government au-thorities, still hold influential

Arabiyat said that his hloc in Parliament was currently making an assessment of the present government's achievements and hinted that it might support a no-confidence vote in the government of Prime Minister Mudar Badran.

Arabiyat said Jordan is in need added. of a national slavation government and hinted that be could accept to take part in such government in the future.

### **Arms haul intercepted near** Karak, 15 people arrested

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Fifteen people

were arrested last Wednesday

after they were found to be in possession of arms and ammunition destined for Egypt but there was no indication of any 'political connection" with the snnggling bid, official sources said Monday. The people, of both Jorda-. nian and Egyptian nationality, were detained in the Karak area on their way to Agaba for the ferryride to the Egyptian port of Nuweibeh with about two dozens of Soviet-made Kalashnikov machine-guns and an assortment of ammunition and small guns, said one security source. 'Investigations are continuing, and so far it appears to have been an attempt to smuggle the arms and ammunition for sale," the source said. "No political connection has been found yet."

A senior Interior Ministry official said a report was received by the ministry over the incident from the Public Secur-

All the arrested remained

under detention Monday, he

cial said he could not recall any details offhand simply because the affair was taken as an aborted smuggling operation. "I do not have the report with me now," said the official, who was reached over the phone at borne since Monday was a public holiday. "If there was any evidence of any significant security link to the affair I would have definitely remembered the precise details," added the official, who preferred anonymity.

The officer in charge at Karak police station said he also did not have any details. and advised the Jordan Times to contact the chief of police in the area Tuesday morning. There was little indication

that the arms and ammunition were intended to be used in any anti-Israeli attack across the demarcation line or in any attack within Jordan, according to all sources who were. contacted by the Jordan

Few details were immediately available on how and exactly where the arrests or made, or a breakdown of the number of Jordanian and Egyptian nationals involved. No information could not he obtained on the origins of the arms and ammunition either. "Arms smuggling through

Jordan is not exactly very frequent," said a senior source. We have come across attempts off and on but it is not a phenomenon," he added.

The report of the incident came one day after border security forces shot dead four infiltrators carrying similar machineguns and ammunition who crossed over to Jordanian territory through what was described by officials as an area frequently used by arms and drug smugglers from Syria.

In that incident, according to sources, the four carried papers identifying themselves as members of a hardline Palestinian group --- the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command led by Ahmad Jibril - but the authorities were sceptical of the authenticity of the documents. "We do not believe they were from the group cited in the papers they were carrying," a security source told the Jordan Times.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- \* Open studio and workshop for artist Samia Zaru displaying paintings, sculptures and hand-painted fabrics. Location: off parintings, sculptures and manufactures and 3:30-6:30).

  2nd Circle, opposite Rosenthal (9:30-1:30 and 3:30-6:30).
- \* Plastic art exhibition by Rudaina and Ruba Haddad at the Housing Bank Complex hall.  $\dot{x}$  Exhibition of paintings by ten Iraqi artists at the Jordan Plastic
- Art Association Gallery tel. No. 699914. ★ Exhibition of paintings depicting Arabian and other horses by Henri Busy at the Philadelphia Hotel. \* Comprehensive Islamic book exhibition at Yarmouk Universi-

### JERASH FESTIVAL

- ★ Concerts by the Jordan Armed Forces Band (6:00 7:00 p.m.). a local falk troupe (7:00 - 8:00) and a Yemeni folk troupe (8:30 -
- 9:30 p.m.) at the Forum. \* Poets and poetry at Artemis Steps (7:00 - 9:00 p.m.).

### Jordan, Egypt to discuss implementation of projects worth

AMMAN (J.T.) — A joint Jordanian-Egyptian committee will convene in Amman Tuesday to prepare the ground for a meeting here later this month by the Jordanian-Egyptian higher joint committee which is co-chaired by the prime ministers of the two countries.

The preparatory committee is expected to discuss bilateral cooperation in trade, economy and industry and look into means of boosting the volume of trade exchanged between them, according to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

The preparatory committee, Petra said, will discuss means of promoting cooperation in agriculture, general investments and in-dustry, and will examine the op-under the \$50-million-capital erations of the Arah Maritime Bridge Company which is owned by Egypt, Jordan and Iraq.

The company operates the

Agaba-Nweibeh land-sea route between Aqaba and Sinai. Egyptian Minister of State for International Cooperation

Maurice Makramallah will arrive in Amman Tuesday at the head of a team from his ministry and other concerned departments to Jordanian team.

Makramaliah has said that the two sides would discuss transport and communications issues as in Cairo in January 1989.

holding company and the prospects of joining the Egyptian-Jordanian national grids with those of Syria and Turkey.

He said that the preparatory committee would prepare an agenda for the higher committee meeting on July 28.

The two countries are implementing projects for producing lean meat and fish in Egypt take part in the talks with the and fertilisers in Jordan and are involved in carrying out a fouryear scheme for linking their national grids.

The higher committee last met

### Farmers sell grains JD 7.5m

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Agriculture has announced that August 1, 1990 will be the last date for receiving cereals produced in Jordan and that the centres assigned for purchasing the grain will be closed for this усат.

The announcement was made by Dr. Sami Sunna, the ministry's secretary-general, who said that the centres have so far purchased cereals from local farmers worth JD 7.5 million.

The ministry normally pays the locally produced cereals at higher rates than the international markets in a bid to encourage local farmers to produce more.

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### Dynamics of union and break-ups

UNDER THE pressure of several centrifugal forces, Moscow is now renegotiating the terms of the union between its varied constituent parts. The pressure is not coming from Lithuania and its Baltic neighbours, Latvia and Estonia alone, but from other regions of the Soviet Union as well. notably from Armenia, and its neighbours.

This shake-up in the Soviet structure was inevitable since many of its components are so diametrically opposed to one another on most counts and have little commonality of interests between them. The forces that gined the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics together till now are giving way to the stresses and pulls of democratically arrived at public opinion and sentiment. In the long run, the Soviet Union would be better off without the existing parts that have little or no affinity with the core and spirit of the country. What could emerge from the ongoing negotiations in Moscow about the future structure of the Soviet Union could be a reinvigorated country that has divested itself of existing liabilities imposed upon it by peoples that are so alien to the rest of the country, culturally and politically speaking.

This restructuring of the union would also accelerate the process of modernisation in it and in due course uplift its stature as a contemporary nation-state on par with other modern centres of power in the new world of the twenty-first century. The dynamics of the new order in the Soviet Union would also offer the breakaway parts of the existing union to enjoy the exercise of their inalienable right to selfdetermination and a greater opportunity to enjoy their respective cultural orientations. The first sign of the failure or success of these ongoing negotiations would appear when Lithuania and Moscow are able to strike an amiable deal that would set the stage for other provinces in the Soviet Union which are also seeking sovereignty and association with Moscow.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

The new Hijra (Islamie) year is the topic for Monday's editorial in Al Ra'l Arabic daily which urged the Arabs to remember the Prophet Mohammad and his sacrifices at the dawn of Islam. The paper said that the anniversary is a reminder to the Muslims everywhere to try to follow in the footsteps of their Prophet and to learn from his great lessons and his command of the faithful. The anniversary comes at a time when the enemies of Islam and the Arab Nation are arming themselves with all types of weapons to impose their hegemony on the Arabs, benefiting from divisions and differences among Arab countries, and the weakness of the Arab will to fight and resist aggression, the paper noted. It said that one can learn the meaning of sacrifice and strong will from the Prophet's actions when he was fighting the enemies of his faith and also when he had to take refuge in Medina to rally his forces and make a comeback to liberate the holy shrines in Mecca. On this occasion Muslims around the world can only remember the usurped Al Agsa Mosque and the other holy places, and should re-emphasise their determination to double their efforts to liberate them and end Israel's occupation, the paper added. It said that the Hijra anniversary is an occasion for Muslims to display altruism and sacrifice, copying the example of the Prophet and bis leadership at diff. "It moments in Islamic history.

Writing in Al Ra'i Monday, columnist Mahmoud Al Rimawi says that the Iraqi-Kuwaiti row over oil production and prices serves as a new test for Arab solidarity which was pledged by Arab leaders at the Amman summit and enhanced at the Baghdad summit. The writer says that the current dispute constitutes a real threat to this solidarity especially if the door is opened for foreign intervention because foreign forces can only hope to exploit this dispute for their own selfish interest. For its part, Iraq has always reiterated its stand that it will never interfere in other countries' affairs and never to resort to force in dealing with Arab states, says the writer. On the other hand Kuwait has always sought to put out rather than start fires wherever they might break out in the Arab World, he adds. These positive stands and the latest statement by the leaders in Baghdad and Kuwait are very strong indicators that the two sides will soon end this row and reach a settlement, the writer points out. Given goodwill and determination to settle the issue peacefully, he says, the two sides will indeed move forward towards a lasting settlement; but the Arab leaderships ought to find a way that can ensure no confrontation of any kind, and a formula to settle differences through direct contacts that are real signs of amity and close brotherly relations which should prevail and should help protect the Arab Order.

Commenting on message sent to His Majesty King Hussein from the Kuwaiti emir concerning the on-going dispute with Iraq over oil production. Al Dustour daily said that King Hussein has been at the forefront in all pan-Arab endeavours to bolster solidarity among Arab states. The paper said that Jordan has adopted a firm policy of close cooperation with all Arab states and constant moves at all fronts to protect the Arab order. Jordan realises too well the need to preserve the unity of Arab ranks at a time when Israel's defence minister flies to Washington to hatch more conspiracies against the Arabs as his hawkish government declares its intention to take the most extreme actions against the Arab people of Palestine, the paper noted. It said that the common enemy is bent on keeping the Arab countries involved in small and side battles, forgetting about the Zionist occupation of Palestinian land. We hope, said the paper, that the Jordanian and Arab mediation efforts will be crowned with success, and end the dispute in the Gulf for good.

## **Amman political** chamber?

By Basem Sakkijha

Following a prolonged labour that lasted several months and involved lengthy deliberations and meetings, the Jordanian leftist groups succeeded in declaring the birth of the Jordanian Nationalist Arab Democratic Coalition (JNADC).

If Signatures on the declaration statement were to be taken as an indication of a trend — then it looks like a good proportion of the leftist forces in Jordan are now to join forces with others represent the majority of political forces that exist in the King-

The coalition groups the Jordanian Communist Party, The Popular Front, The democratic People's Party (HASHD) and Fatch... representing three different nationalistic political streams as well as grouping together prominent political personalities who are not affiliated to any known political party.

It should also be pointed out that the following leftist political personalities are not ineluded in the ecalition although they form an important section of the national political life in Jordan: Hammad Al Farhan, Suleiman Al Hadidi, Amin Shuquair, Hussein Mjalii and Dr. Jamal Al Shaer, in addition to two political groupings and Communist Party splinter factions.

Indeed, a dialogue between the various elements of this coalition started a year ago in an attempt to enter as one entity in the 1989 parliamentary elections, but according to observers, pure "selfishness" prevented them from reaching a consensus; and the result was that each separate political party preferred to enter the elections independently. This was also one way for sounding out the views of the Jordanian

Public and determining the real weight of each of these various political goups and par-

The observers believe that the election results came as a severe blow to the independent 'political pattern" and way of thinking adopted by the leftists since the 1950s, prompting them to understand that unifying their ranks has now become inevitable for their sur-

The observers also believe that the growing power of the Islamic forces in Jordan and the region, at large, has driven the leftists into recognising the futility of trying to make any political moves individually...

Observers point out that the recent developments on the Jordanian political scene in which there was close coordination among various political groups, such as the return march to the bridge earlier this year to which leftist and independents were able to .bring thousands in spite of a public boycott by the Muslim brotherhood, prompted them to unite and move together.

The leftist coalition has now emerged with a pure and bright image, but observers hope that this image will not be marred by regression to the old style of political thinking that had persisted over the past three de-

A noted veteran leftist politician says: We are concerned about this coalition, and hope that the leftists will not revert to their earlier unsuccessful experiments. The directly referred to a general secretariat coordinating the work of the nationalist forces in the 1970s and the 1980s which failed to come up with a practical formula to mobilise the Jordanian nationalist poli-

"The general secretariat which represented all nationalist political forces in the country did not add anything to the Jordanian political life and left no imprints," the leftist said. "I really rule out the possibility that any of the signatories would be committed to a unified list in any future parlimentary election, simply because past experiences had showed that certain groups and factions are only concerned

forces," the same leftist noted. The new coalition has not yet created a general secretariat and it looks as though there is no consensus yet among the leftists about this important point, he continues.

with ensuring for themselves

political positions at the ex-

pense of the other independent

He concludes that the coalition could be no more than a gathering of Jordanian politicians designed to pave the way for coordinating efforts. But the big question is whether this coalition which has taken a year to emerge will be able to confront the growing Islamic In an attempt to answer this

question, the veteran politician savs that the matter is not easy at all because it requires from each group to forget and transcend the negative attitudes of the past and start to deal with one another on totally new

He also says that the present coalition partners are not in harmony since the coalition groups the Jordanian Communist Party, the Palestinian Fateb group and Jordanian-Palestinian groupings.

This set-up casts doubts on the prospect of this coalition's survival, the politician adds. But he also notes that the coalition members could benefit from the mistakes of the past, and it is hoped that the coalition would not serve as a mere "Amman political cham-

## Foreclosed by destiny

By Paul Hopkins

TO some it may appear risky to speak about the future in the Middle East, but the confinence of a number of developments today tempt one to take that risk. Let me first of all make my prediction, then explain why I see things as I do.

Israel will have either negotiated peace with the Palestinians and her Arab neighbours within five year, or the State of Israel will not exist in 10 years as now constituted.

I believe as I do because four major factors now impact Israel's future in ways not anticipated a decade ago. First, the Palestinian intifada

has ended four decades of Palestinian submission to Israel's oppressive occupation, and in doing so the Palestinian nation has been discovered by everyone in the world except Israel's political right wing. Israel's superb ability in telling its story, aided by world sympathy over the European Jewish genocide, is now seen for the myth that it is. Either Israel ioins the world in recognising Palestinian rights or loses the world's sympathy. Israel does not have much longer to make its decision.

Second, Israel's favourite Uncle Sam is running short of cash. As long as times were good and the United States had no shortage of ability to take care of itself, the unprecedented aid given to Israel was no problem. Israel's lobby in Washington could deliver Congress, and the administration usually bad no good reason to resist. Today, with cutbacks coming in almost all areas of America's good life, things are different. It takes increasing courage to vote in Congress for cuts in domestic programmes and to continue (or increase) the \$3-\$4 billion

aid package to Israel. Bob Dole's break is only the beginming: AIPAC. Israel's lobby, is on the skids. In the final analysis it cannot deliver the vote if those running for re-election (or as candidates for the first time) choose to put the issue of AIPAC's supposed power on the table, as Dole and others are doing.

Third, Saddam Hussein of Iraq has created in the Middle East a "balance of terror." America's buildup of Israel's military power has made Israel a source of terror to her Arab neighbours. Sadly, Israel has not, to date, used that power to make peace. Her two inva-sions of Lebanon, many thrusts of reprisal into that poor country, the bombing of Iraq and Tunis — all these have created fears in the Arab World which Israel blindly refuses to understand. Now Hussein says that Iraq stands ready to respond to any such future attack by raising the ante (as Israel has done in the past by its use of bom-bers to retaliate for a few guerrillas crossing her border)

by using "the poor man's nuc-lear bomb," ehemical weapons, in retaliation. Since Israel knows that Saddam Hussein is sufficiently malevolent to carry out his threat, one hopes that there will be sufficient leadership in Israel's government to keep its Massada complex in check. That, in turn, means that it will be difficult to try to rebuild world sympathy by risking some military experiment, as has been attempted in the past. In today's atmosphere of "resolution of conflicts" it would be foolhardy in any event; in view of Hussein's threat of retaliation it should be compahumanity in the Middle East.

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Fourth, Israel's option for the status quo in internal politics is foreclosed, as is its option of occupying Palestinian land. The political stalemate that has created two governments of "national unity" has just about run its course. Something must give, and soon. During a recent visit to Israel I was told that, roughly speaking, 20 per cent of the Israeli people are prepared to exchange land for peace; 20 per cent are at (or close to) the point of risking civil war rather than give up the occupied territories; and 60 per cent are likely to go in any direction they may be led. Obviously they have not been getting leadership during the period of the so-called national unity governments. But those days will soon be over, and a change in the way Israel elects its leadership is bound to come. If responsible leadership re-

sults from such an election, leadership which recognises that Israel now stands alone in the world but has a large security for itself and justice for the Palestinians, Israel could be at peace with its neighbours within five years. If, on the other hand, it responds to leadership with a Massada complex which Shamir seems to exhibit — then Israel will either plunge into civil war or the Middle East into a genocide which will make Hitler's infamous European genocide pale by comparison.

It is a terrible moment when a nation positioned as Israel is, comes to a time when its option for the status quo is foreclosed by history — Israel and Palestine Political Report.

The writer, Paul Hopkins, is an international specialist on the Sudan and Middle East and formerly in charge of Mideast affairs for the Presbyterian Church, USA.

### Saudi ties with China set stage for similar move with Moscow

By Rawhi Abeidoh

NICOSIA — Saudi Arabia, a strictly Muslim kingdom which once reviled the communist world as atheistic, has established diplomatic relations with China - and the Soviet Union is expected to be next.

Sandi Foreign Minister Prince Sand Al Faisal. announcing the move on Saturday night, called it "a significant step that would benefit... the interests of our Arab and Muslim nation."

Diplomats say it is only a matter of time before the world's biggest oil exporter. previously with no ties to any communist state, moves to establish relations with the Soviet Union.

Relations Moscow, suspended for more than 50 years. began to thaw after the Kingdom mediated the Soviet troop withdrawal from Muslim Afghanistan in early 1989. Two senior Soviet officials have visited the Kingdom since then.

Taiwan, which says it is the legitimate government of China, formally suspended diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia but valuable economic links are likely to be preserved.

Diplomats believe the Saudi embassy in Taipei will be downgraded to the status of a trade mission. Taiwan's Foreign Minister Fredric Chien said on Saturday Taipei was prepared to negotiate its future relations with Riyadh but gave no details.

Chien attributed the move to China's "missile diplomacy" and aggressive diplomatie overtures towards the kingdom since 1988.

He said Beijing had sold about \$3.5 billion worth of missiles to Saudi Arabia after the United States Congress blocked major arms sale to the Kingdom. Beijing had also helped Riyadh launch satellites valued at about \$3.1 billion.

In 1988, China sold Saudi Arabia CSS-2 medium-range non-stalest missies that could hit targets in Israel and Iran. The move, while predicted days in advance, is a diploma-

tic blow to Taiwan, now recog-

nised by only 27 states. Sandi Arabia was the last Arab country to retain diplomatic ties "Sandi Arabia recognises

that the government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legitimate government that represents the entire Chinese people," said a joint statement from Prince Saud and visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen.

"This is a significant step for us becuase China ejoys a prominent international role... it will have a great impact," the Saudi minister said.

Diplomats said Saudi Arabia recognised China's political importance and saw it could play a useful role in supporting Arab causes.

The breakthrough in the long-running talks to set up ties hegan on July 11, when the Saudi Ambassador to the United States Prince Bandar Bin Sultan visited Beijing.

Qian, who arrived in Saudi Arabia on Friday for the first visit by a Chinese minister, said the move would "serve the interests of peace, stability and development in the world."

This important event in relations... will open broad borizons in the future," the official Saudi Press Agency quoted him as saying.

Beijing's relations with the West have been slowly improving following the breakdown caused by its bloody crackdown on the democracy movement last year.

Taiwan exports textiles. machinery, electronic appliances and car parts to Saudi Arabia and imports about 145,000 barrels a day of mainly crude oil.

Taiwan says its trade with Saudi Arabia dropped to \$855 million in the first six months of 1990 from 997 million in the same period last year but is still worth far more than Beijing's commercial ties to the king-

Saudi imports from China rose more than 70 per cent to \$167.5 nation in the first half of this year. Exports fell 34.2 per cent to 21.1 million compared with the same period in

### Kuwait defends itself

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"President Assad said there should be no escalation and (stressed) the necessity of solving Arab differences by talking," the Syrian News Agency SANA quoted the president as telling envoy Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Kuwait's minister of state for cabinet affairs.

SANA said Awadi delivered a message on the dispute to Assad from Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabab.

The Kuwaiti minister, who arrived from Jordan Sunday, was to leave for Lebanon later Monday to hand a similar message to President Elias Hrawi.

Arab Learne Secretary-General Chadli Klibi has sus-

Kuwait crisis until he is ensured of Iraq's cooperation, diplomatic sources reported Monday.

Klibi, after two days of talks with Kuwait's leadership, left Sunday for his beadquarters in Tunis. He did not proceed to Iraq as had been anticipated. The sources, who spoke to the

AP on condition they not be named, said that he would head back from Tunis to Baghdad once he was ensured of sufficient willinguess for cooperation by Iraq.

Five North African states decided Monday to send an envoy to the Gulf to try to mediate in the dispute.

The final declaration of a twoday Maghreb summit expressed concern over the row.

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Halhoul homes sealed

"The Israeli government speaks with two voices," Rubin-

stein said, noting that the first voice declares the government follows the Fourth Geneva Convention on the rights of civilians in occupied territories.

In its second voice, Rubinstein said, "the government doesn't concerning basic humanitarian issues, such as house demolitions and deportations."

During the 31-month Palestinian uprising, Israel has de-motished 300 homes and sealed 162 in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to punish Palesti-

Israel argues that houses are demolished or scaled only in sovere cases and that this helps

The Israeli occupation anthorities expelled 60 Palestinians as uprising leaders. It argues that while mass expulsions are banned by the Geneva conventions, expulsions of a few individuals are permissible.

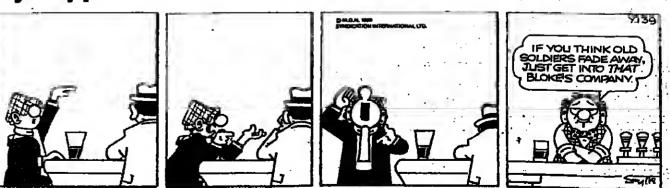
The Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits "individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations."

The United States and European Community (EC) nations have said repeatedly that Israel violates human rights by demolishing bouses and expelling Palestinians. The EC considers Jewish settlements illegal, while the United States says they are obstacles to peace.

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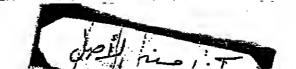


### Andy Capp'



### **Peanuts**





## Hard times for communists means paying phone, electricity bills

By Andrew Katell The Associated Press

TVER, USSR — Their policies are attacked from left and right. They are losing some of their cars and country homes. And now they have to start paying their own telephone and electricity

For communists in this ancient Russian city, these are not the best of times. And they may be a sign of things to come for other

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Just ask Sergei Goryachev, the acting city party chief of Tver, a city 170 kilometres northwest of Moscow that was renamed last week from Kalinin. The 38-yearold son of a serviceman admits

that a vacation that gave him a Boris N. Yeltsin, the president of nice tan also started him thinking

about quitting.
"This troubled me especially during my vacation, when I had more time to think. And now every party worker is thinking. Of course there is worrying, scn his office in Tver.

With Soviet Founder Vladimir Lenin staring from a portrait on a wall, Goryachev said his soulsearching brought him to a simple conclusion: "in this period, to leave would be pure betrayal."

Sparked by dissatisfaction with this month's 28th Communist Party Congress, dozens of party leaders have come to the opposite conclusion, including Maverick ouit the party. The party is under attack

nationwide from the left for not giving up its exclusive cells in the KGB and army and police and not sharing its massive wealth buildings and printing presses with fledgling competitors. The right is angry that the party is loosening its grip on Eastern European allies and is borrowing from capitalism in its economic

It is not known how many communists nationwide have turned in their cards to the 19 million-member party since the congress stood firm against these

reforms.

But in the Tver region, 3,000 of the Russian Republic. They have the 150,000 Communist Party members have left the party in the first half of this year.

Gorvachev predicts more will quit because of unhappiness with what he calls inconcrete decisions of the congress. The mood already is showing in his meetings with workers.

"They are cold in the very beginning when you walk in. But then, people see that you are the same as they, have the same problems and that the problems concern me," he said.

Many complaints, be said, are about privileges accorded party officials. Goryachev and other officials say many summer cot-tages, cars and medical facilities reserved for the elite bave been ending its free ride. turned over to the government. The older generation of party officials, even more accustomed to the good life, faces similar

complaints. "To hear out criticism is not a pleasant task," said Alexander of party offices at factories have Ilyenkov, Tver's 53-year-old regional party chief.

Ilyenkov, who talks quickly in deep baritone and smokes a hard-to-find brand of cigarettes, says he answers frankly. "Many of the misfortunes today were generated by me and I take the responsibility," he tells the pub-

The party is taking responsibility in other ways, as well. In Tver and several other regions, it is offices.

The party committee in this city on the Volga River has decided to start paying for tele-phones, electricity and television air time.

The phone and electricity bills traditionally been paid by the host organisations, which are run by the government, Goryachev said. But to head off claims by prospective competing parties, such bills will now be paid out of

the party budget, he said.

That is not as radical a step as some activists demand. They want the party to give up its privileged access to factory workers by moving out of its factory

The reforms also stop short of another demand of radicals: That the party denationalise its property and share it with other parties.

In Tver, the party is giving some of its buildings to the local city council. Its four city committees are being consolidated into one, half of its 112 staff employees are to laid off. Tver Mayor Sergei Kisilev says

he's adopting the spirit of the times, in which the party has given up its constitutionally guaranteed monopoly of power. Although no opposition parties have officially registered in Tver,

guarantee everyone equal conditions." The government, he says, will

Kisilev says that if they do he will

no longer pay for the party's use of the local TV station or nonparty newspapers and will send a bill to the party for meetings in theatres and other public build-

Goryachev says Tver's police chief has stopped calling him to report regularly on crimes in the city. Party departments that supervised the KGB and other organs in the city are being abo-

lished, be says.

Ilyenkov believes the reforms will enable the party to win back the people's hearts. But he says the process won't be easy because the congress was not like a tailor's shop which you "come out of in a renewed suit, discarding the old

### Petra Bank scandal

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'Techniques' - to what end? Chalabi is credited by many for bringing in advanced computerised banking operations, including elec-tronic teller machines, into the country, but some experts argue that computers had actually helped the tycoon to enjoy instant control of every aspect of the bank's operations and accounts from his central

A banker described a team of Indian computer experts brought in by Chalabi in 1983 as "some of the best computer brains." The banker believes it is "doubtful" that the team, drawn into Petra Bank from some of the leading Indian banking institutions, actually knew anything about the monetary implications of the figures or the accounting sys-tems they were working with." Members of the team left the Kingdom around the time the authorities took over the affairs of the

Another banker cited as an example what he described as "overnight alterations" in the books of the bank from the central computer console system to which, it is believed, only Chalabi had access. "In some cases, some branch managers were shocked to find that their bad debts' had grown by over a couple of million dinars overnight," he said. "Of course, there is very little they could do about it since the entire accounting and balancing system was centralised."

'Speculation encouraged'

According to Dr. Waked, investigations have revealed that Chalabi, whose whereabouts are presumed to range from Lebanon and Syria, through London and Geneva to Hong Kong and Thailand, had also "encouraged Jordanians and Jordanian institutions to speculate in foreign markets through institutions controlled by him." Jordamans are banned by law from speculating in foreign markets.

If that was not enough, said Dr. Waked, "many of our people and by Chalabi to speculate in the commodity market," where the risks are much higher. Financing for these deals was channelle through institutions such as the Geneva-based Soccoff and the Beirut and Geneva branches of Middle East Banking Company (Mebco) and the London-based Societie Commissionaire et Financiere (SCF), according to Dr. Waked, Soccofi and Mebco, both under liquidation, were controlled by Chalabi, an Iraqi who is believed to have been the banker of the Shi'ite Amal militia in Lebanon. He is married to the daughter of Lebanese defence minister Adel

"Claims" against Petra, which was ordered liquidated by the Economic Security Committee (ESC) carber this week, from Soccofi and Mebco as well as SCF and the Sudanese National Bank are unlikely to he settled in the liquidation process, bankers said, noting that accounts of these institutions were not transferred to the Housing Bank prior to liquidation under another ESC decision issued last

These and other external claims against Petra Bank are in the region of \$116 million, according to a source familiar with the auditors' report. No split-up figure was immediately available, but it appears to he a foregone conclusion that the CBJ, which has guaranteed the deposits of Jordanians and Jordanians nian residents, will not entertain such claims, particularly that some of them are in fact from Chalabiowned institutions.

Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh has said that Petra Bank had been systematically funnelling money out of Jordan through Mebeo and Soccofi. At one point late last year, he revealed that at least \$68 million transferred outside Jordan by Petra Bank was unaccounted for, including \$8 million personally appropriated by Chalabi. "It is only an indication of the magnitude of the affair." he had said.

The personal property of Chaiabi, mainly a villa and vehicles, has been placed under Petra Bank sequestership after the fugitive banker failed to settle a recorded loan of about JD 1.8 million which was due last year. The bank was run by an interim management committee from Aug. 2, 1989 - when the institution was taken over — to July 21, 1990 — the date the liquidation process was formally launched. The CBJ, which was named the liquidator with sweeping powers, has appointed a five-member panel to supervise the liquidation process. The bank has also named three

were amost complete and that he expected over 100 cases to be filed by the martial law authorities. "I cannot provide any specific number of cases or date since it is up to the martial law court to decide," he

to include violations of CBJ regulations, speculation over the Jorda-nian dinar, which partially contributed to the currency's dramatic drop in exchange value, and embez-

ziement and outright frauds.

Dr. Waked declined to reveal any details of any of the cases or people involved. He would only say that Chalabi himself and some members of Petra Bank staff were certain to face prosecution, "Anywhere between 50 and 100 people could be booked," he said. "Again, it is for the martial law court to

On several occasions, persons linked to Petra Bank had been detained and released, some of them on bail and others unconditionally, after questioning by the authorities, but none of them is believed to be in custody at present.

Businessmen, including company owners and moneychangers, bank employees, real estate agents, offi-cials and "people from all walks of life" were called-in by the investigating committee to give testimo-nies. While some of them were believed to have been Chalabi's "profiles" others were owners or employees of industrial units, supermarkets, computer firms and other commercial enterprises.

Scores of people holding official positions, high and low, were cus-tomers of the bank, and, more often than not, had been enjoying easy overdraft and loan facilities. said a source familiar with the final report of the auditors. "In many cases, such facilities were granted with no proper collateral or guarantee," said the source who added that most of the bolders of such accounts had repaid their debts since the take-over of the bank.

In some cases, collaterals were found to be worth less than 40 per cent of the across loans granted on them, according to an official source. "The case of a small piece of land in an Anuman suburb worth ID 30,000 mortgaged against a loan of ID 80,000 was not uncommon," said the source. "The consideration here, obviously, was the person who actually owned the land and took the loan rather than the value of the property."

CBJ Governor Mobammad

Saced Al Nabulsi said in a television interview last week that over 80 per cent of Petra Bank's woes were the result of Chalabi's actions. He said some of the management members as well as bank officials could also be held responsible for some aspects of the case.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran, announcing at the House of Parliament Saturday that inquiries into the Petra Bank scandal had been completed and martial law authorities were almost ready to file for-mal cases, also emphasized the gravity of the problem and the tions involved in sorting out the affair.

Departing from a prepared text of his speech at Saturday's session, he said, "there are at least 60 files related to Petra Bank," and gestured: "Each file is at least 60 centimetres thick."

Radran cited the case as the only reason that is delaying the fulfil-ment of the government's pledge to abolish martial law totally. He said as soon as the cases were finished, martial law would be declared nulli-

According to Dr. Waked, the investigators have uncovered scores of cases where Chalabi used other

or cases where Chaiaot used other people as a front to conduct his dubious banking activities.
"In many cases, people appeared to have simply trusted the man, and left everything to him without the slightest suspicion."

"The authorities should have taken exting action action."

taken action against Petra Bank at least eight years back," according to Dr. Waked. "The losses could have been brought down to a mini-

According to sources, the deficit in Petra Bank accounts is estimated by the auditors between JD 252 million and JD 255 million, and the Central Bank has said it pumped in more than JD 200 million into Petra Bank after it was taken over.

Better late than never," Waked said adding that the liquidation order was inevitable. "As a member of the investigating committee, as a director of a Jordanian bank and above all as a Jordanian, I believe liquidation was the only way out for Petra Bank," he said.

As a banker summed it up, the Petra Bank cases, as and when they are presented for trial, are expected to at least partly answer the mostheard question in town: "Ali Baba has fled, but what about the 40

### King meets Mubarak and Aziz

(Continued from page 1) the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which also came under the Iraqi

accusations. "They are the ones who are threatening us." Aziz said. "We do not threaten anyone." Egypt has reportedly proposed a four-point solution to Aziz.

According to a report from Cairo distributed by the official Kuwait News Agency, the points are: - Excluding threat of military action by any party against the other;

— An Egyptian shuttle for rapprochement of views between the two countries, with help from other Arab

countries welcomed;

— A reconciliation meeting at foreign ministers level, possibly in Cairo, with the participation of a "limited number of Arab countries who have

political weight;"

— The ending of all media campaigns against each other.

In Amman, a Jordanian official who declined to be named said of the King's trip, "Jordan has excellent relations with Gulf states and all Arab countries and His Majesty will try to solve all problems in the best man-

### Restrictions

(Continued from page 1) there were "children, elderly and

sick people." But he said the backlog eased after a United Nations border truce committee had "settled the problem" and informed Jordan that the occupation authorities will allow the previous quota of 22,050 people to cross weekly between May 15 and Sept. 1. Attar said the U.N. committee

did not give any explanations for the Israel's restrictions. that Israel had only allowed in 12,900 Palestinians between July

During the May-September period traffic is swollen by Palestinians returning bome for summer visits from jobs abroad.

Doctors warn don't make Espresso

By Lee Siegel The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Add two new dangers to life in America's trendy lane: Espresso maker's wrist and choking from eating ever-solightly done California cuisine while wearing a dental retainer. Cases of the two new perils of

modern living were reported in letters published in the June issue of the Western Journal of Medi-

In one case, Berkeley Physician Dennis Shusterman said that during a visit to a restaurant, he noticed an elastic bandage

around the owner's right wrist. The restaurateur told the doctor he had suffered increasing wrist pain for two months. "The pain was exacerbated

each time he inserted spigots containing fresh coffee grounds into an Espresso machine with a rotating motion of the handle - a manoeuvre that he repeated 80 to 100 times a day." Shusterman

The doctor performed tests and determined the restaurant owner suffered De Ouervain's Tenosynovitis, an inflammation of the sheath surrounding a tendon in the wrist. The condition previously was seen in assembly line workers and in women who spend a lot of time wringing wet clothes, Shusterman said.

While the prevalence of this disorder among Espresso makers is unknown, the recent surge in popularity of Espresso drinking may place additional persons at risk," he wrote.

The second hazard involved cboking "associated with two re-

latively recent trends: adult orthodontics and California cuisine," said a letter by Drs. Albert W. Wu and Haya R. Rubin of the medical school at the University of California at San Francisco.

The patient was a 31-year-old woman who had worn braces for an improper bite, had the bands removed, and then was fitted with a retainer, which she was told to wear even during meals.

"At a lunch meeting, while discussing the benefits of a lowfat diet over a platter of al dente vegetables, she suddenly stood and raised both hands to ber neck in the international sign of choking," Wu and Rubin wrote,
"Her companion did a prompt

Heimlich manoeuvre, ejecting an intact, nearly 2-inch-long piece of broccoli," they said.

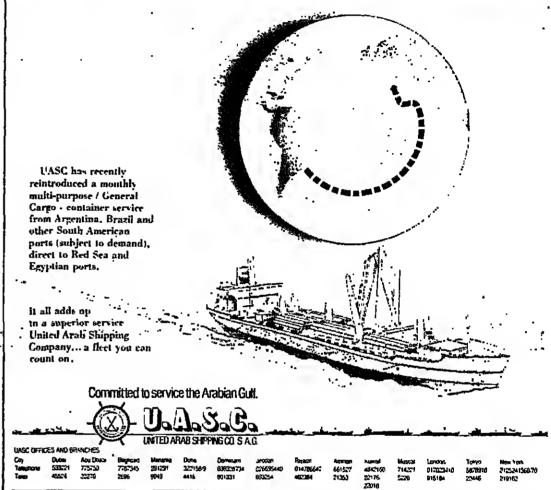
The doctors said the broccoli had lodged in her throat between ber windpipe and the back of the retainer. The doctors said that to their

knowledge, "this is the first re-port of choking associated with an orthodontic appliance. Patients should consider removing their retainers before eating."

As for the case of Espresso maker's wrist, the restaurant owner recovered almost completely after spending three weeks letting his right wrist rest and taking nonprescription antiinflammatory medicine, Shuster-

"He adapted to this occupanooal disability by using his opposite hand to insert spigots into the Espresso machine, taking care to avoid any abrupt or stre-onous manoeuvres in the process," the doctor said.

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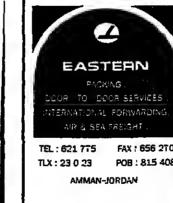
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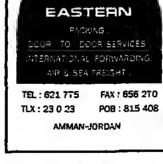
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advisers to the panel. 'Over 100 cases expected' Dr. Waked said investigations

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### Soviet gymnasts score top marks at Goodwill Games

SEATTLE, Washington (R) — Nervous Nesty and the cool competitors of the Soviet gymnastic team shared star billing as the Goodwill Games got into full swing.

Anthony Nesty overcame the jitters to once again beat swim star Matt Biondi, while the men's gymnastic team of the Soviet Union were simply perfect, particularly young Vitali Scherbo.

The 17-day games moved into high gear as athletics competition opened at massive Husky Stadium and Soviet pole vaulter Rodion Gataullin treated the crowd to the best vault of the year outdoors — 5.92 metres — to win

But Jackie Joyner-Kersee, who set a heptathlon world record in the inaugural Goodwill Games, got off to a disappointing start in this year's event after a poor shot put and a slow 200 metres time.

Nesty punctured Matt Biondi's aura of invicibility at Seoul when he touched home a mere onehundredth of a second ahead in the 200-metre butterfly to deprive the American of a sixth gold medal in the 1988 Olympics. The prospect of a re-match,

however, left Nesty nervous. "I came into this race more nervous than I've ever been. Waiting to swim, I could not stand it anymore. I was about to pee in my pants," said Nesty, who managed to contain himself and transform his nervous energy into the speed needed to claim the gold.

Scherbo led the Soviet gymnasts to an awesome sweep as he and his teammates collected gold in every event of the three-day meeting.

Scherbo, 18, was best of all. He won three individual golds, including the all-around title, and produced the only perfect I0 score of the meeting with a thrill-

PARIS (R) — Greg Lemond

believes his third Tour de France

victory ranks him alongside all-

time cycling greats Eddy Merckx

But that does not mean he

as bright as the dazzling parisian

pleted his triumph on the Champs

Elysees, was already looking for

The 29-year-old Californian

became only the sixth rider to win

at least three tours though he

five victories held jointly by

Frenchmen Hinault and Jacques

'I believe I'm in the same class

have to win five Tours de France

to prove it. Hinault and Merckx

never had to contend with the

"But I am as capable of win-

ning the Tour as they are. I'll be

back next year and I'll be as

dangerous as anybody. I intend to

continue riding for two or three

more years and if the chance of

winning the Tour comes my way

Lemond, who has also won two

World Road Race titles, could be

forgiven for sitting back on his

remarkable record, achieved de-

spite two lost years in 1987 and 1988 through his near-fatal shoot-

ing accident and a serious ankle

again, I won't refuse."

same physical problems I did.

Anquetil and Belgian Merckx.

sunshine on Sunday as he com- years.

plans to rest on his laurels.

new mountains to climb

and Bernard Hinault.

**Tour victory ranks** 

Lemond among greats

The American, sporting a smile Tour de France-World Cham-

remained short of the record of stage win in the Tour and his

American League

**East Division** 

preparations.

in the world rankings.

All did not go smoothly on the first day of athletics.

Heptathlete Liliana Nastase of Romania was hit on the side of the face and neck by a competitor's shot put during warm-ups and she left the field before con-

Things went better on the track for Paul Williams, who won the 5,000 metres. But his moment of glory looked in jeopardy when the sound system conked out and would not play the Canadian national anthem.

At first the crowd booed, but the jeers turned to loud and long. cheers for Williams, who raised his victoy bouquet in apprecia-

Rowing completed a hectic two days of competition which were full of action on and off the

West Germany won the featured men's eight over the U.S. rowers hy three seats, while Britain straggled home last in the men's four after replacing rower Timothy Foster in the lineup. Foster had been in hospital for heat exhaustion and dehydration after winning a bronze in the men's four without Coxswain.

A 25-year-old Seattle man had also caused a stir at Mount Baker Rowing Centre when he proclaimed that his camera bag was filled with dynamite, placed it on the ground and stepped back. Special police bomh squads

were summoned to inspect the bag. Inside was only a video camera, but police pressed charges against the practical jok-

Volleyball competition at Gonzaga University in Spokane has appointment was that "the leadprovided local police with a diffe-

But he said he plans to ride in

the remaining World Cup races

defend his world title in Japan at

If he won in Japan, he would

be first rider ever to complete a

pionship double in successive

crossed a finishing line in first

place since his world title triumph

in Chambery, France last year.

Though he rode a brilliant tactical

race, he failed to land a single

early season was marred by a

mystery virus which upset his

Ironically, Lemond has not

until the end of the season and

the beginning of September.

rent sort of diversion. Police, who supervise security there, are angling for the popular afternoon shift, when members of the Brazilian women's team can be seen sunbathing Brazilian style - top-

Soviet wins marathon

Meanwhile Zoya Ivanova, a seasoned campaigner, led a Soviet sweep of the medals in the women's marathon at the Goodwill Games Sunday, winning in 2 hours, 34 minutes, 37 seconds.

Ivanova, 38, and countrywoman Irina Bogacheva ran sideby-side for virtually all of the first 17 miles of the 28-mile, 385-yard (42-kilometre) race. Ivanova, vinner of 10 of 23 marathons, then charged in front as her teammate began to wilt under the hot, humid conditions.

"They only started running marathons in the Soviet Union 10 ears ago, so this is a 10-year ubilation," Ivanova said through an interpreter.

Ivanova, a teacher and a mother, went in as the favourite, having been the only runner in the elite nine-woman field with a time under 2:30.

Ivanova's best career time was 2:27:57 in finishing second in the 1987 World Championships. She also was second in the 1985 World Cup, while her victories included the 1981 European Cup, the 1982 Tokyo Marathon, the 1984 Friendship Games, the 1987 World Cup and the 1989 Los Angeles Marathon.

Bogacheva, runnerup in the first Goodwill Games in 1986. again finished second in 2:36:24. and Ravilya Barangulova was third in 2:37:40. "I like to run in the U.S.,

because the American fans welcome me, are very friendly, and they help me a lot." Ivanova said. Ivanova said her only dis-

ing runners in the world were not

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here. ... these were the secondclass ronners.

"I trained long hours, and I treated the race with the utmost seriousness," she said.

Among those missing were oan Benoit Samnelson of the United States, Norwegians Greta Waitz and Ingrid Kristiansen, and Rosa Mota of Portugal.

Lisa Kindelan, a last-minute replacement, was the first for the United States, placing fourth in

At the 1986 Goodwill Games. the Soviets swept the first five places, with the first U.S. runner

> East German wins women's discus

The political upheaval that brought down the Berlin Wall has not affected the athletic proficiency of East German discus standout Ilke Wyludda — yet.

Wyludda, unbeaten in two years and ranked no. I in the world in her specialty, endured a 19-hour, twice-delayed flight from London but captured the women's discus Sunday at the Goodwill Games with a throw of 223 feet, 4 inches.



Greg Lemond (left) rides hand in hand with Soviet Union's Dimitri Konishev during the last stage of Tour de France

the biggest threat.

He placed only 105th in the others did this year, it's what you as them." Lemond said. "I don't Tour of Italy and dropped to 18th do next year which counts. Delgado will still be the most But few would contest his claim dangerous. Everyone starts from to be the world's greatest rider zero in January. Breukink and even if a new generation is Indurain may be a threat but let's emerging which could threaten see what they do then." his dominance in the great three-

week race around France. Indurain placed only 10th, six-The likes of Spaniard Miguel places lower than his team leader Indnrain, Dntchman Eric Delgado, but his superb riding in Breukink and Gianni Bugno of the mountains and time trials Italy, all top 10 finishers, did impressed everybody and some enough to suggest each could observers felt be could have won start next year with serious the race if he had not spent so aspirations of wresting Lemonds much of his energy serving his leader rather than himself.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS** 

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Though 1988 Tour winner Pedro Delgado disappointed, finishing outside the top three for the first time in four years, ise as the best of the rising Dutch Lemond still sees the Spaniard as generation.

Bugno, Tour of Italy winner, said he had come to France just "It doesn't matter what the to learn. He won the classic mountain stage of l'Alpe d'Huez, the classic sprint stage in Bordeux and placed seventh overall. Not bad for a learner.

> who may best be remembered from the 1990 Tour is Claudio Chiappucci, the modest Italian who wore the yellow jersey for nine days until the American seized it in the penultimate stage.

**National League** 

East Division

Chiappucci may have been lucky to benefit from a 10-minute advantage after a surprise first stage breakway but, growing in stature with the yellow jersey on Breukink finished third, winhis back, be defended his lead ning two time trials by a large with tremendous pluck until he margin and confirming his promcould resist no more.

But, Lemond apart, the rider

Of such heroes is Tour de France history made.

### Agassi cruises to Washington classic

WASHINGTON (R) - Topseeded Andre Agassi crushed any hopes sixth-seed Jim Grabb had of capturing his second career singles title with a 6-1, 6-4 victory Sunday in the \$550,000 Washington Tennis Classic.

The last time the two met in a final at Seoul in 1987, Grabb walked away with the winner's trophy. Since then the two had met twice, Agassi winning both, and he gave a repeat performance Sunday. Agassi, ranked fourth in the

world, needed only 62 minutes to

dispose of Grabh and win the

\$70,000 first prize in his first tournament since losing the French Open final. "I came here and every match it seemed like I rose to the occasion," said Agassi, who had not hit a tennis ball for a mouth-

Washington. "I could've done better if I was. pushed harder. I feel great about my performance."

until four days before coming to

Agassi totally dominated the 38th-ranked Grabb, whose serveand-volley game deserted him.



For much of the match Agass kept Grabb pinned to the baseline, forcing him to chase after balls — something Grabb is not comfortable doing.

In the 20-minute first set, Grabb only held his serve once, in the fourth game, while managing a total of only three points off Agassi's serve.

Grabb improved in the second set, but only enough to lose it respectably. Agassi made in the decisive break in the third game with a backhand pass.

"I thought Andre played great," said Grabb, who won \$36,880. "He's hitting the ball. with such pase you have to see the ball quickly. I'd have to sustain a high level of play for too long.

### Sanchez survives duel to win Newport title about losing from a 5-2 lead, I can

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (R) - Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain rallied to a 7-6, (7-2), 4-6, 7-5 victory over un-seeded Jo Durie of Britain Sunday to win the singles title at the Virginia Slims of Newport Tennis Tournament.

Sanchez trailed 2-5 in the third set of a thrilling final but struck -back to break Durie's serve three consecutive times to earn her second singles title of the season. "I played the important points

very well," Sanchez said. "When I was down 2-5, I just tried to play from point to point and concentrate very hard," The I8-year-old Sanchez, rank-

ed seventh in the world, earned \$45,000 and passed the milliondollar mark for her career. Durie. 29, playing in her first singles final in seven years, carned \$20,200. "When it came to the crunch I

got a little bit nervous," Durie admitted. "Maybe I didn't really believe in myself at the end." Durie, ranked as high as fifth in

1983, has been plagued by injuries and indifferent results for oast seven years.

"Although I'm disappointed said.

at least look at something positive about my tennis," said Durie, whose WTA computer ranking improved 67 spots to 54th. "I felt I played better than

when I was ranked fifth in the world. That is something to give me confidence and build upon." The start of the grass court

final was delayed nearly an hour by rain, and then the players had to contend with a thick fog that rolled in off the Atlantic Ocean. Sanchez took the first set of the top-quality, closely-fought contest in a tie-breaker, 7-2.

The second set was also tight, with Durie levelling the match by breaking serve in the seventh

Durie twice served for the championship in the third set but just could not pull it out. -57 '(This was a overy important tournament to win for me, being my first on grass. It tells everyone that I can play on this surface," said Sanchez, who lost in the first

round at Wimbledon. Durie also read a positive message in the result.

"I'm just happy to be back playing good tennis again," she

### Vogler dies in crash on small Indiana race track

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rich in southern Indiana. Vogler's life ended the same way his father's did: in a crash on a

small Indiana race track. Vogler, who would have been Indianapolis Speedrome.

40 Thursday, died of head incrashing at the Salem Speedway hours.

His father Don died in 1981 during practice for a U.S. Auto Club (USAC) midget race at the

He was the first of two race car juries Saturday night after drivers to die in less than 12

## **GOREN BRIDGE**

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

♥963 ♦AK9852 +KJ6 **±**5 Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with a weak twobid. What action do you take? A .- Treat an opening weak twobid much as if opener had bid one of the suit. You would have overcalled one heart with two diamonds, so bid three diamonds over two hearts.

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you **♦ AK**63 ♥87 ♦ 1043 **♣ A**984 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South 2 ♥ 3 ♦ Pass ? -Weak

What do you bid now?

-You want to tell partner you have game aspirations but you don't want to bypass three no trump. which might be your only makable game should partner have a heart stopper. The way to convey that information is to cue-bid three hearts, which indicates a strong hand, but says nothing about control of the suit itself.

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you ♥963 ♦ AK9852 +KJ6 **♦**5 The bidding has proceeded: East South West 2 ♥ \* 3 ♦ Pass West North Pass 3 ♥ Pass \*-Weak What do you bid now?

A.—You have a dead minimum for an overcall at the three-level. As is usual in situations where you have already bid your values, sign off in the cheapest strain available. Bid four diamonds, .

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you AK63 \$\times 87 \\$\circ\$ 1043 \(\frac{1}{2}\) A984 hold: The bidding has proceeded:

2 ♥\* 3 ♦ Pass Pass 4 ♥ Pass 3 ♡ -Weak

What action do you take? -Don't bid the same values twice! Your three-heart cue-bid already showed game-interest and you could hardly have less for that action than what you hold. Pass; if partner couldn't bid game it's unlikely you can score 11 tricks.

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **≜AQ4** ♥Q5 ♦832 **♣10543**2 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West North East Pass 1 NT Pass Pass

What action do you take? A .- Fie on you if you thought we were setting a trap. This is simply a matter of whether you rate your hand worth another bid. Since the queen of hearts should be upgraded and your fifth club is a great card, three clubs gets our nod.

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you **≜**A983 ♥J4 ♦A93 **♣**K965 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 🛡 Pass I & Pass 1 NT Pass

What do you bid now? A .- Another question of valuation. Point counters will tell you that you should raise to two no trump with 12 points. However, we feel your jack in partner's suit should be up-graded and your intermediates are good, so we would opt for three no

### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY JULY 24, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Excellent opportunities today require precise action on your part to bring about a more harmonious colour to

advantage. ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Put yourself on notice early that you are going to use every idea that comes into your mind to utilise the potentials in them to advance your

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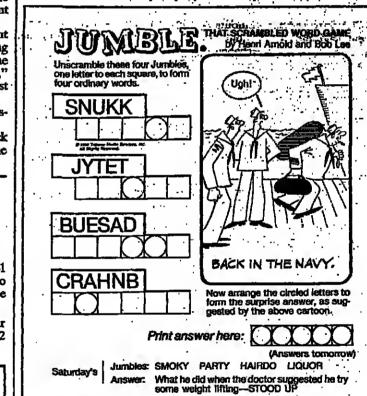
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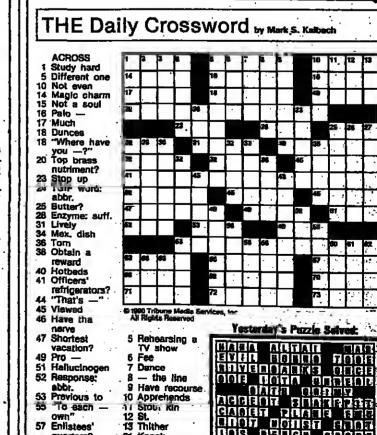
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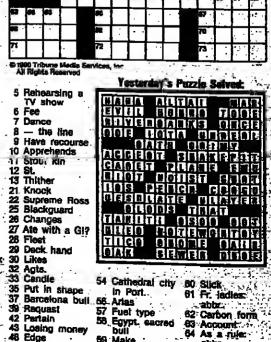
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## Portugal protects key industries | Huge deficits to keep

LISBON (R) — Portugual may let foreigners have a bigger stake in its industrial privatisation programme, but is determined to keep "strategic" companies in Portuguese hands, a senior finance ministry official says.

Elias da Costa, secretary of state for finance, told Reuters in an interview Portuguese groups had yet to consolidate enough to be able to compete unprotected with investors from abroad.

The centre-right government has sold off a brewer, a newspaper and 49 per cent each of a major bank and two insurance companies since April, 1989, netting a total of 70 billion escudos (\$485 million at the current exchange rate). Limits of 10 or 20 per cent of total equity were set for nonresidents in each case.

Da Costa said the government would continue to set such limits

on a case-by-case basis. "These limits will be in inverse proportion to the importance of the companies to be privatised. The foreigners will be able to have 20 per cent, 10 per cent, 30 per cent, 40 per cent," he said. 'We are more concerned about

those companies which have not only a strategic importance, but also a strategic image," he added. He cited Banco Portuguese do

Atlantico E.P. (BPA) and Cimentos de Portugal E.P. (Cimpor) as examples.

These are companies which are 'bred in the bones' and whose control it is politically important Banco Totta e Acores S.A., to be to have secured by Portuguese."

Despite the restrictions on foreigners, the government's privatisation policy has already come under fire from Pedro Ferraz da Costa, who heads Portugal's club of industrialists, the Confederação da Industria Portu-

Da Costa said in a speech last month that Portuguese were being outbid by better-placed foreigners, who were taking over important chunks of industry. Portuguese were losing control of their own destiny, he said.

He said foreign investment in the programme was essential, healthy and fundamental for the development of Portugal, which has recently pulled itself ahead of. Greece, which now holds the title of the European Community's

But he added: "If foreign investment comes to Portugal with a view of dominating the public companies to be privatised, they

government. If they come in partnership with Portuguese companies, they will be welcomed."

The programme continues with a further 31 per cent stake in completed by July 31, with foreigners restricted to 10 per cent of

Fifty-one per cent of the small shipping firm Transporters Maritimos Insulares Companhia de Seguros S.A. Tranquilidade and brewers Central de Cervejas E.P. (Centralcer).

One-third of BPA, Portugal's biggest bank, will go on sale later this year. Privatisation of cement maker Cimpor is also due to begin this year, in principle, Da Costa said. Beyond that the timetable is still undecided.

Da Costa said the foreigners' limit for Centralcer would definitely be "a good deal" higher than 20 per cent.

This was the level set for Portugal's higgest hrewer, Uniao Cervejeira S.A (Unicer), which last month produced the first hiccup in the programme. While the foreigners' 20 per cent was massively oversubscribed, Portuguese offers fell 311,000 shares short and the organising bank will not be much welcomed by the syndicate was forced to step in.

We must be bolder. We must cot expenditures drastically and press ahead with harsh measures where necessary," be said, suggesting real reductions in farm subsidies, cutting state employees and combatting tax evasion.

year, keeping interest rates high

tor deficits," he told the indepen-

dent Sunday newspaper Vima.
"As long as the deficits remain

at their present levels, and unfor-

tunately they won't be reduced in

1990, interest rates will remain

high for companies," he said. The Bank of Greece has raised

interest rates twice this year to

curb the credit expansion fuelling

inflation of more than 21 per cent

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rose two per cent each for savings

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Halikias said the budget deficit, estimated at \$12.9 billion for

1990 or more than 18 per cent of

product, was the fundamental

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Greek interest rates high ATHENS (R) - Greece's huge Mitsotakis formed the first constate deficits will not be cut this servative government since 1981

after his New Democracy Party and thwarting efforts to modwon national elections in April. ernise the battered economy, He imposed economic austerity central bank governor Dimitris measures, including higher taxes Halikias said in an interview Sunon public services such as telephones, electricity and transportation, as well as cigarettes, The biggest obstacle to modalcohol, and petrol. emisation is the huge public sec-

But when he unveiled his 1990 budget in May - six months late due to a year-long political crisis - state spending rose hy 30 per cent, largely due to interest payments on outstanding loans.

In presenting the budget Mitsotakis said his hands were tied by commitments made under the Socialists, who were voted out of office in June 1989 after eight years in power. Plans to cot ending would be reflected in the 1991 budget in November.

In recent weeks, Halikias a Socialist appointee has sounded almost optimistic about the govenment's efforts to bring the economy under control.

If the government sticks to its declared economic plan over the Greece's annual gross domestic next two or 21/2 years, conditions could be met for the drachma's entry into the European Monetary System (EMS), be said.

"It is possible that in 1993 the conditions will have been created for our participation in the EMS." That means cutting inflation to 10 per cent a year and the budget deficit to 10 per cent of Prime Minister Constantine gross domestic product.

## **Baghdad said seeking** \$25 oil price before raising OPEC output

further rises in OPEC oil output or any increases in members' production quotas until prices surge to \$25 per barrel, the Middle East Economic Snrvey

(MEES) said Monday. The anthoritative newsletter said the idea was likely to meet considerable resistance among some key producers when they

meet in Geneva Thursday. But it said there was a strong consensus within OPEC to restore oil prices to over \$18 per barrel. World prices are now just

below OPEC's \$18 benchmark. An Iranian plan to raise the minimum price to \$20 per barrel and then to cut OPEC's output ceiling and quotas if this was not reached by October stood a good chance of being accepted, it

The Geneva talks will probably maintain existing quotas for 12 of its 13 members, while allocating a formal quota of 1.5 million barrels per day (b/d) for the United Arah Emirates (UAE), making a total ceiling of 22,491 million b/d,

This is the formula agreed by five Gulf Arah producers, includ-

MEES said.

NICOSIA (R) - Iraq wants no ing Iraq, in Jeddah two weeks official position is that quota and

The quotas would be maintained until prices rose above \$18 per barrel or possibly higher still if the Geneva conference agreed to raise the minimum reference

But this was as far as the consensus went, MEEs said. The question of where the

rice would have to reach and for how long in order to justify consideration of an increase in the ceiling and quotas, has been left open and there are evidently considerable differences of opinion on this score," MEES said. Kuwait has said it hopes for a

higher OPEC quota in October. The Geneva meeting was likely to focus on the question of price targets, the Nicosia-based news-

The newsletter said despite the support for the Iranian proposal, another line of opinion shared by **OPEC President Sadek Boussena** of Algeria would prefer to concentrate on restoring prices to \$18 per barrel, leaving any increase in

the formal price target till later. "At the other end of the spectrum, MEES undestands Irag's past.

ceiling increases should not even be considered until the OPEC basket price reaches \$25 per barrel," MEES said.

Iraq last Tuesday launched a stinging attack on Kuwait and the UAE for overproducing and forcing down oil proices, saving they were part of the U.S. instigated conspiracy that drove down oil prices by 30 per cent in the first

half of this year.
MEES said Iraq's role in press uring the UAE and Kuwait to cot production was welcome for most OPEC members but there was dismay in some circles over its hardline tactics, it added.

The Iraqi accusations in the wake of the July 10 Jeddah agreement in which Kuwait and the UAE agreed to drastically cot output, stunned conservative Gulf Arah producers.

Iraq - which desperately needs higher oil revenues to fund its post-war reconstruction programme - also threatened to take "unspecified action" against both countries if they produced above their quotas, as they have in the

### **Bulgaria** hikes price of petrol

SOFIA (R) — Bulgaria almost doubled the price of petrol Monday following cuts in oil ship-ments from the Soviet Union, the official BTA news agency said.

BTA, quoting an announcement from the government, said the price of normal grade petrol was going up from one lev per litre to 1.8 lev (33 cents to 60 cents), while super grade was increasing from 1.2 lev to 2.4 lev (40 cents to 80 cents).

The new price is the equivalent of \$2.70 a gallon for normal grade and \$3.60 a gallon for super grade. The average monthly wage in Bulgaria is only 250 lev (\$82).

Bulgaria has faced a fuel crisis since the beginning of the month after the Soviet Union, virtually its only source, reduced its sup-

The government announcement said the country this not have enough foreign exchange to buy large quantities of fuel from non-traditional sources, and it did not expect any change in the situation in the foreseeable fu-

### Foreign investment in China declines

BELIING (R) - Foreign investment in China fell sharply in the first half of this year but an easing of foreign sanctions, imposed after last year's military crackdown, should mean growth in coming months, a Chinese official said

Liu Xiangdong, spokesman for the ministry of foreign economic relations and trade, welcomed Japan's recent decision to permit lending under a \$5.6 hillion loan package frozen after the crack-

He called on other major industrial nations, which also imposed curbs on official lending to China after the army crushed a democracy movement in Beijing on June 4, 1989, to lift their

Liu said the number of new foreign investment projects approved during the first half of the year fell 8.1 per cent from a year earlier to 2,784, and their total contracted value slumped 22 per cent to \$2.35 billion.

He blamed the slump, which occurred despite a steep rise in investment from Taiwan, partly on what he called distorted ports by Western media on the

political unrest last year. "But as foreign countries are etting a better understanding of June 4th, and as the domestic situation is still improving, the general trend (in foreign invest-ment) is getting better," he said.

Liu also linked the decline to greater selectiveness by provincial governments in the type of investment they permitted, as well as to an austerity programme that succeeded in checking inflation but choked off funds to Chinese and foreign companies.

He quoted ministry statistics as showing imports during the first six months of this year fell 23.7 per cent from a year earlier to \$13.33 billion. Imports from Japan during the

first five months slamped 47.8 per cent, while imports from the United States fell 26.8 per cent and those from the European Community dropped 30.7 per cent.
....Liu attributed the fall to reduced demand stemming from tbe austerity programme and to a devaluation of the Chinese currency last year.

Exports during the Januaryfune period rose 21.7 per cent to \$24.5 billion, according to the ministry's figures.

### FCC says foreign phone firms charge too much

WASHINGTON (AP) - Feder- limit what American phone comforeign phone companies that overseas calls into the United States are about twice as expensive as they should be.

And if foreign companies don't shape up, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) says it will take action to lower prices.

The FCC says U.S. phone customers may have paid as much as \$1 billion too much for international calls in 1988 due to outmoded contracts that allow overseas phone companies to charge inflated prices.

Not only does the practice hurt individual pocketbooks, it adds greatly to the U.S. trade deficit because far more calls go out of the United States than come in.

U.S. phone companies paid out \$2 hillion more in 1988 than they took in from foreign panies, according to the FCC, which last week threatened to

al telephone regulators are telling panies can pay to overseas car-

The FCC says roughly half of the \$2 billion deficit represented an overpayment by U.S. consumers to foreign telephone companies that have refused to keep prices in line with cost-reducing advances in technology, such as direct dialing.

The FCC proposed to ease restrictions on how American Telephone and Telegraph (AT and T) and other U.S. long-distance companies such as MCI and U.S. Sprint negotiate "accounting rates" with foreign companies. These accounting rates determine how the two sides calculate the charges consumers pay for international calls.

Competition gives U.S. companies an incentive to lower prices, but foreign phone comowned, don't face competitive pressures.

Their accounting rates may be based on the cost of operatorassisted international calling, and not reflect the lower costs of today's ubiquitous direct-dialing.

West Germany, for instance, has not lowered its accounting rate since 1983. U.S. phone com-panies still pay half of \$1.56 a minute, or 78 cents a minute, to the Germans for completing calls to West Germany.
AT and T and its rivals charge

between \$6.20 and \$11.58 for a 10-minute call from the United States to West Gemany, depending on when and how the call is

#### Slack production, currency shortages batter food supply in Soviet Union MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet daily Selskaya Zhizn. Ryzhkov lamented the farm

Union, plagued by stagnant food production and severe shortages of hard currency, faces bread shortages and increased social tensions, Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov has warned.

Ryzhkov told the new presidential council and republican leaders that real food production - up about one per cent - had just harely kept pace with population growth.

Government purchases of grain from collective and state farms were lagging behind 1989 and, there was not enough currency to even approach last year's purchase of 44 million tonnes on the foreign market.

"Unless we fundamentally change the situation, then the country is not in any condition -I can say categorically — to purchase that much grain," Ryzhkov said in a speech.

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sector's poor performance and said the real growth rate was virtually nonexistent, despite expected improvements over last year's harvest of 211 million ton-

"To expect any improvement in food supplies at such rates is impossible, and social tensions will grow further," he said.
The bad news on the grain

front was the latest blow to President Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reforms, which have left many people impatient for concrete results more than five years after they were introduced. Food supplies have dwindled

steadily throughout the country, leaving many store shelves bare and increasing dissatisfaction among once-docile workers.

Ryzhkov's comments follow a catalogue of other problems poor weather, technical failures

The newspaper said at the weekend the state must acquire 85.3 million tonnes of grain. "Less than that is impossible.

There may arise disruption in the

bread supply to the people."

But only 76 million tonnes had been contracted, despite the sharp increases in procurement prices and incentives, including promised payments in hard currency and access to scarce machinery and consumer goods.

And the state has bought only 7.6 million tonnes of grain so far, although more than 40 million tonnes of grain had been threshed.

The newspaper also reported widespread complaints that vehicles, tractors and building supplies bought with last year's surplus grain had not been delivered. And it blamed serious mismanagement and failure of

### **AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES**

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**LONDON EXCHANGE RATES** 

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on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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### Lawmakers close to Tamils resign

### Curfew imposed in north Sri Lanka; army moves towards besieged base

makers considered close to the Tamil Tiger rebels resigned from parliament Monday, accusing the military of atrocities and genocide in a war with the guerrillas.

Meanwhile, the government declared a curfew in northern Kilinochchi district, scene of a fierce gunbattle Sunday that killed 18 rebels and nine soldiers Sunday. The military said it was

hunting fleeing rebels.

Military officials said 76 rebels were killed in separate fighting in the east Sunday, and eight soldiers and three civilians in the

The deaths raise to at least 2,856 the number of combatants killed since fighting resumed on June 11 between the military and

The bodies of eight Muslims, believed killed by rebels, were also found in the east, said military officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

**Eelavur Democratic Front** announced their resignation from parliament. Last month, the group had called for a ceasefire between the rebels and the government. President Ranasinghe Premadasa rejected the offer,

COLOMBO (Agencies) - Law- asking the rebels to lay down their arms first.

"It appears that the hope we had that the solution be made

through political measures is not sensible," they said in a statement. "The chance to find a solution to the problems of the Tamil-speaking people is out of

"We do not want to be dormant spectators who witness the tormeotation of our people,"

The Eelavur Democratic Front had won 13 of the 225 seats in parliament in 1989 general elections. Two of its members resigned earlier this year citing personal reasons.

At least 35 soldiers were wounded in the clash at Paraothan, a few miles north of Kilinochchi on the main route from Colombo to the northern rebel stronghold of Jaffna, the military

The curfew was imposed from 6 a.m. (0030 GMT) to avoid civilian casualties as troops began moving towards Kilinochchi where an army base has been under siege by rebels for the past six weeks, officials said.

The people are requested to remain indoors. Any movement will be considered as terrorist

activity," the Defence Ministry said in a statement broadcast on state radio.

"This measure is adopted for the safety and security of the civilian population," it said.

The base at Kilimochchi, 10 kilometres south of Elephant Pass gateway to Jaffna, is one of a dozen army bases attacked by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam

Infantry, backed by artillery and air cover, were marching towards Kilinochehi from Elephant Pass, where the Tigers blew up a vital causeway Satur-

day, military sources said. Troops from a camp at Elephant Pass, reinforced by 1,000 soldiers parachuted in Saturday, launched the advance after army engineers repaired the causeway, the military said.

The assault apparently marked the start of a drive to wrest the north from Tiger control, Western diplomats said.

"There could be a lot of fighting in the next few days," one diplomat said.

.The next 10 days would be the most crucial in the battle against the Tigers in the north, Army Commander Major-General Denzil Kobbekaduwa told the state-

"The troops would hit the Tigers. hardest during these days," Kobbekaduwa, who led the military offensive in the east, said.

Security forces unveiled scores of decaying bodies half-buried in the eastern Sri Lanka bush Sunday and said they were policemen abducted and killed by Tamil separatist guerrillas.

Tamil policemen were freed and some others escaped, but the government said 630 were mis-

sing, believed dead.
On Sunday, the government's elite Special Task Froce (STF) took journalists to a clearing in the bush outside Rufus Kulam, 80 kilometres south of Batticaloa, to display a mass grave and two piles of charred flesh nearby.

The STF estimated there were 150 to 200 corpses. Officers said they were those of men from three police stations who surrendered without a fight after months of cooperating with the

Tigers under government orders. They would have been killed almost immediately on June 13," said STF Commandant Lionel

The paramilitary STF had been sent in to seize back the southern tip of Sri Lanka's Tamil northeast province from the Tigers.

### Soviet hijack attempt foiled

MOSCOW (R) -- A student and a bricklayer, undeterred by Sweden's extradition of a hijacker last week, tried to divert a Soviet airliner to Stockholm Monday but were overpowered on the ground.

They threatened to blow up the Tupolev-134 airliner with 74 passengers on board soon after it took off from the Latvian capital Riga for Murmansk in the far north, Deputy Civil Aviation Minister Mikhail Timofeyev said.

After consulting security officials on the ground, the pilot brought the plane down in Petrozavodsk, Soviet Karelia, near the Finnish border, he told TASS news agency. Guards seized the two men,

identified only as Kovalenko and It also said they could be de-Kuznetsov. tained for up to 12 months under No further details were imlegislatioo outlawing strikes in

mediately available of the 13th attempted hijack in the Soviet Union since June 9, when 17year-old Dmitri Semyonov, brandishing a fake grenade, forced an airliner with 121 people on board to fly to Stockholm. Sweden sent Semyonov back to

the Soviet Union last Tuesday and TASS said he would be tried January. for hijacking and leaving the country illegally.

## Fierce fighting reported between Cambodian troops, Khmer Rouge

BANGKOK (AP) — Cambodia's bordering Thailand. Vietnamese-installed government The Khmer Roug Monday reported fierce fighting in a mountainous central province that it said Khmer Rouge guerrillas were trying to seize.

The enemy are attempting by all means to seize control," of Kompong Thom, the Cambodian News Agency (SPK) quoted the chief provincial administrator, Khieu Horl, as saying.

Khieu Hori showed heaps of firearms, ammunition and other material recently captured from the guerrillas, said the report monitored in Bangkok. He said about 800 Khmer Rouge guerrillas struck from all directions on June 17, but were repulsed in fighting that killed 112 guerrillas.

Government Col. Hang Thol was quoted as saying the guerrillas have intensified attacks since last month's agreement in Tokyo

to arrange a truce.

The Khmer Rouge did not sign the Tokyo agreement.

Claims of military successes bythe government and the Khmer Rouge, both Communist, are treated with scepticism. But other sources have confirmed heavy fighting in Kompoog Thom. which previously was largely spared in the 11-year-old war focossed oo Western areas

DHAKA (AP) - An over-

crowded boat sank in a flooded

river in southeastern Bangladesh.

killing 11 passengers, police said

In the northwest, four children

drowned Sunday in the Jamuna

River, raising to 13 the death toll

in recent monsoon flooding, offi-

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out 100,000 people are homeless

and 400,000 stranded in the area,

SRINAGAR, India (Agencies)

— Officials in Indian-ruled Kash-

mir defied the government and

started a three-day strike Monday

in protest against what they called

repression by security forces fighting secessionist militants.

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The Indian government, which

has imposed its direct rule on the

state, issued a statement saying

the workers could face disciplinary

action if they went ahead with the

The strike excluded emergency

The main target of the strike

was the methods of the security

forces, widely accused of human

rights abuses in the fight against

the militants which erupted in

been killed in the uprising, which

More than 900 people have

Strong aftershocks rock Philippine quake city

hospital and fire services as well

majority state.

essential services.

as the police.

Union officials said about 80

Monday

The Khmer Rouge and non-Communist guerrillas loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk have seized wide areas of the province in recent months. Sihanouk's fighters also briefly penetrated the provincial capital, also called Kompong Thom, said an Associated Press correspondent who visited the area.

The Khmer Rouge radio said Saturday it was preparing a new attack on the provincial capital, about 120 kilometres north of Phnom Penh.

The Khmer Rouge, which killed hundreds of thousands of people when in power in the 1970s, is allied in a guerrilla coalition with the forces of Sihanouk and of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front. Vietnam installed the current government in Phnom Penh after invading in late 1978.

A U.S. policy shift announced Wednesday has increased fears that the Khmer Rouge will escalate the fighting because of its international isolation. The Uoited States, citing its opposition to the Khmer Rouge, said it was withdrawing recognition of the coalition's seat at the United Nations in order to open talks with Vietnam on ending the Cambo-

11 drown in Bangladesh boat accident

police said.

On Sunday, a boat capsized

with 70 people oo board in Mata-

muhuri River at Bandarban, 250

kilometres southeast of Dhaka.

Fifty-nine people swam ashore

and eight bodies have been

found, said a police official who

was contacted in Bandarban by

Kashmir officials begin 3-day strike

has broad support in the over-whelmingly Muslim Kashmir Val-

The union officials said the

strike was also in support of

demands for the release of six

officials held for np to five

months under security laws allow-

ing detention without trial. The detained officials are accused of

2 Punjab engineers killed

gunmen burst into a meeting of

senior government officials Mon-

day and shot dead two engineers

working on a controversial irriga-

The victims, Chief Engineer M.L. Sekhri and Superintending

Engineer A.S. Aulakh, were in

charge of building a canal that

will divert river water from Pun-

Police Inspector Jaspal Singh

said three Sikhs burst into a

meeting Sekhri was holding with

other officers on the Sutlej-

Yamuna Link Canal Project and

opened fire with automatic pis-

jab state to other parts of India.

tion project, police said.

Meanwhile in Punjab, Sikh

aiding the militants.

The official, who cannot be

Meanwhile, Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila said Monday the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) still supports Cambodian guerril las despite a decision by its U.S ally to end recognition of the Khmer Rouge-dominated coali-

Siddhi, long involved in labyrinthine moves to end the 11-year conflict, told reporters ASEAN would issue a statement at its annual meeting of foreign ministers in Jakarta this week pledging continued backing for the guerril-

"There will be a joint state-ment from ASEAN on continuing support to Prince Norodom Sihanouk on the Cambodian problem and calling for a speeding up of a comprehensive solu-tion," he said at Bangkok's Don Muang Airport before leaving for

Foreign ministers from Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines are meeting there.

The regional grouping in the early 1980s cooperated with China and the United States in forming an anti-Vietnamese coalition out of the ashes of exile groups and the Khmer Rouge, ousted from power by Vietnamese troops in 1978-9.

identified under briefing rules.

said three passengers also were feared drowned and their bodies

were believed to have swept

Ittefaq, a Bengali-language

newspaper, said the rain-swoller

Jamuna River in the northwest

bas inundated an 2,153-square-

kilometre area in Sirajgang and

were killed and two other officers

The assailants fled on motor

The project offices are located

in a busy market complex in

Chandigarh, the joint capital of

The canal is supposed to divert

water from the Sutlej River to the

Yamuna River. Construction be-

gan in 1982 and is nearly com-

pleted, government officials say.

largely comes from Sikh farmers

in Punjab, fear the project will

deprive the state of irrigation

Sikh militant groups, agitating for an independent nation in Pun-

jab, have also opposed the canal.

In May 1988, 32 labourers work-

ing on the project were shot and

Sikhs make up only 2 per cent

of India'a 880 million people but

are in a slight majority in Punjab.

The militants began fighting for

independence in 1982, accusing

the Hindu community of cultural

and political discrimination.

Nationwide, Hindus make up 82

killed by Sikh radicals.

Sikh politicians, whose support

Punjab and Haryana states.

were injured, Singh said.

surrounding districts.

scooters, he said.

facilities.

Sekhri, 52, and Aulakh, 50, per cent of the population.

downstream.

# COLLINA

#### Romania's first magazine for men hits newsstands

BUCHAREST (R) - Romania's

first soft-porn magazine went on sale Sunday, offering the "modern man" a mixture of sex, business advice and scantily-clad women. The first edition of El was promoted in the independent youth daily Tineretal Liber in a rare newspaper advertisement. But a search of Bucharest's himdreds of newsstands turned up only one that carried the 13-lei (75-cent) monthly. Its appearance has raised more than a few eyebrows in a country where just eight months ago even the mention of sex in the press was taboo. Pornography was outlawed under the 24-year rule of dictator Nico lae Ceansesco. Sex education was non-existent and abortion and contraception were banned. El lacks the gloss of its Western equivalents but taps familiar sources for interviews, advice pages, gossip columns and horo-scopes in its 24-page format. A splash of red, black and yellow covers the front page, swathing a woman wearing lace and string.

A headline next to a photograph of Romania's former tennis star: The Nastase reads "the magazine. for the modern man." Pictures of half-naked models may seem tame to Western eyes but to Romanians its another revolution.

### West Berliner wins face-twisting

MONCRABEAU, France (R) ern French village, in 1979.

## Cuomo comes

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Mario Cuomo was about to sign an asset-forfeiture bill along the East River when a young woman in a passing motorboat did some forefeiting of her own. As the boat passed the pier where Cuomo stood last week with a small group of police and prosecutors, the woman shouted "hev." Then she waved her bra and pulled down her bathing suit bottom to expose her backside. Cuomo'a response: "This could never happen in Queens," the New York City borough where he grew up. The bill he signed allows scizure of narcotics dealers' assets.

momentarily darkened skies and panicked birds in southeastern Finland early Sunday. One spec-tator in Helsinki described it as

### Seoul opposition resigns from assembly

Korean opposition resigned en 1992. masse from parliament Monday to press for new elections. The government, preoccupied with overtures to North Korea, said the protest would be ignored.

Veteran opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung led 80 lawmakers in submitting letters of resignation to the National Assembly speaker. A spokesman for the ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP) said the resignations would oot be accepted.

"From this seed will grow the tree of oppositioo unity, and if we unify the people will support us," Kim said.

The lawmakers who quit parliament were 70 members of Kim's Party for Peace and Democracy (PPD), eight from the Democratic Party (DP) and two independents. The DLP holds 218 of the chamber's 299 seats. One independent, who leans towards the government, did not

The opposition has demanded new general elections. DLP leaders have countered that the current constitution does not allow citizens convicted of proan early dissolution of parlia- Pyongyang activities and earlier

Samuel Doe says be won't leave

the besieged capital until the civil

war is decided. Sources say that

at any rate, ficeing would not be

easy because the soldiers guard-

ing Doe won't let him go without

The 500-member Presidential

Guard, made up of soldiers from

Doe's Krahn tribe, fear massacre

at the hands of the rebels, who

have fought their way to within a

mile of Doe's oceanfront man-

The rebels, who are mostly from the rival Gio and Mano

ethnic groups, were locked in

street combat with Doe's regular

troops Sunday, the sources said.

diers were urging the president to

flee to avoid a bloodbath and that

there was bitter infighting in the

The said some government sol-

Doe still refuses to leave

besieged Liberian capital

SEOUL (Agencies) — The South meot. Elections are not due until

The DLP, formed by the merger of Roh's minority ruling party with two oppositioo groups, has used its muscle to ram through its legislative programme, parts of which were streouously opposed

Opposition frustration has resulted in weeks of political tur-moil, incloding fist-fights among

Kim said he would lead a series of peaceful rallies to press for new elections, and together with other leaders said the usually feuding opposition had agreed to unite to demand the elections and to oppose the DLP.

Two hundred thousand people

braved rain last Saturday to cheer Kim and other opposition leaders at the first such rally near Seoul. The government Monday said dissidents and others would be allowed to attend a North Korean unification rally called for next mooth at the border village of

Panmunjom. Sonth Korea has in the past imposed heavy seotences on its

this year sent a 21-yer-old college studeot to jail for five years for visitiog Pyongyang.

Cabioet ministers proposed talks with their Pyongyang counterparts to discuss a proposal by President Roh Tae-Woo to open the Panmuniom crossing for five days around Korean Independence Day on Aug. 15.

Pyongyang, which advanced a similar offer two weeks ago, rebuffed Roh, imposing stringeot conditions for its assect. Seoul would proceed with the border opening plans regardless, Roh told his cabinet Saturday.

South Korean officials announced Monday that Seoul is ready to negotiate North Korean conditions for opening their mutual border. Three cabinet ministers Mon-

day proposed that inter-Korea talks be held Friday to discuss the North Korean conditions.

The heavily fortified border between the two Koreas is tightly sealed, and more than 1.5 million troops are stationed on either side behind concrete bunkers and. barbed wire. There is no mail, travel or other communication between the two sides.

### ANC arrests of

members of his government. Doe, in a telex to the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC), said Sunday that he would remain until "a clear victor emerges." The presidential mansion, which has a commanding view of the city, was stockpiled with

ammunition and explosives in preparatioo for a final rebel assault, said a diplomatic source, who spoke oo condition of anony-The president remained "convinced he is invincible," the source said, adding that he ex-

pected Doe to fight to the finish. The source said Doe was "relying increasingly on his belief that

black magic will save him."

### Mohawk Indians dig in for long fight with Quebec

Mohawk Indians, who set op barricades on contested land near a small Quebec town, showed oo sign of capitulating to police as their food supplies began to dwin-

The Indians rose in armed revolt last week to protest against plans to turn a tribal burial ground into a golf course in the resort town of Oka, about 32 kilometres west of Montreal.

Twelve days after the death of a Quebec police officer in a fierce gunbattle with the Indians, both parties continued to eye each other warily across barricades strung around the Kanesatake Reserve.

"We will be here for a long time," said one heavily-armed Mohawk, who declined to be identified.

Another said: "It took 500 years to get to this, we'll see how long it takes to get us out." The Canadian government has

OKA, Quebec (R) - Armed said it will not negotiate to cod the dispute between natives and local residents until the natives lay down their arms.

The police have cordoned off the small resort town as well as the nearby reservation, cutting most food supplies to the hundreds of natives inside.

A caravan of about 150 area sympathisers attempted Sunday to bring boxes of food to the natives but were stopped and forced to leave the provisions with trappist monks in Oka.

The native Americans have constructed makeshift checkpoints throughout the dense pine forests and Mohawks stationed at Oka, carrying AK-47 assault rifles and heavy calibre pistols, nightly patrol the thick forest that

surrounds the reservation. Indians gathered Sunday in several Canadian cities to denounce the Canadian government for what they termed official inaction in dealing with their land

### acknowledges MONROVIA (AP) - President executive mansion. Doe has been infiltrators deserted by nearly all senior

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - The African National Congress (ANC) acknowledged Monday that its guerrillas have been infiltrating South Africa and many have been arrested, but it denied reports of a secret insurrection

An ANC official said police were staging a nationwide police sweep on ANC militants and Communist Party members who had recently returned from exile or who had infiltrated the country

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a man claiming to be a sub-lieutenant in the ANC's military wing re-portedly entered the U.S. consulate in Durban Monday seeking asylum because of the police

The ANC source said Dhekumusa Jabulani Ximbe, 38, had been in hiding since police raided his home a week ago and confiscated a cache of hand grenades and limpet mines.

ANC members are returning to South Africa under initiatives meant to open talks on ending apartheid, the country's system of racial segregation.

Walter Sisulu, internal ANC leader, was quoted in the Daily Mail newspaper as saying his organisation believed as many as 150 of its members have been arrested in recent weeks. He said he assumed they had been engaged in the "normal activities" of the organisation, and he noted the ANC's "armed struggle" had not been suspended.

But Sisulu denied reports in several Sunday newspapers that quoted government sources as saying a secret unit of ANC guerrilias, directed by the South African Communist Party, was planning an armed insurrection. of Civil Defence, Red Cross and

BAGUIO, Philippines (Agencies) — Strong aftershocks rocked this mountain city Monday, sending residents fleeing into the streets and hampering the search

quake. The death toll surpassed In Manila, President Corazon Agoino nrged coogress to approve a 10-billion-peso (\$500million) relief package to rebuild infrastructure destroyed by last Monday'a quake, which measured 7.7 on the Richter Scale. Aquino made the call in a

55-minute address that television commentators said was surprisingly lackfuster.

The test of political leadership is that you must have magnetism, you must mesmerise people," said Amado Doronila, editor of the Manila Chronicle, during a nationally televised commentary-

for victims of last week's earth-

."Some leaders have that and some do not." In other governmental response Monday, Rep. Rolando Andaya, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said he would pursue proposals to suspend debt payments for two years to free funds to rebuild.

Aquino has warned that any unilateral reduction in debt payments could worsen the country's economic plight by prompting in-ternational lenders to reduce the flow of new money. On Monday, the search for

survivors shifted to the grim task of recovering the dead. British and other foreign experts declared there were no signs of life in any of the nearly 30 buildings devastated by the temblor. Figures compiled by the Office

centre put the death toll at 1,043. More than 200 bodies are believed still buried beneath the rubble of nearly 30 buildings

damaged in the quake. On Monday, Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos, chairman of the the Philippines, said he inspected National Disaster Coordinating Council, said more than 3,000 people were severely injured during the quake and more than 700 were missing. Ramos said nearly 90,000 people were homeless.

British volunteers abandoned the search for survivors after failing to find signs of life in the Hyatt Hotel, the last area of Baguio where experts believed there might still be survivors of the quake.

Hopes that some people were still alive at the Hyatt faded after rescuers no longer heard tapping sounds on walls near the hotel basement. Rescuers said the last of the survivors probably died after aftershocks shifted the rubble, either crushing them or depriving them of air. More aftershocks jolted

Baguio Monday, including one about 9:45 a.m. (0045 GMT) that sent hundreds of nervous residents fleeing into the streets. Many Baguio residents have been sleeping outdoors since the quake because of continuing aftershocks.

On Sudnay, one of Aquino's cabinet members acknowledged that his construction firm built the Baguio Hyatt 15 years ago, but he refused to comment on allegations by a prominent civil engineer that the building was structurally unsound.

"There are many factors to consider before you can pinpoint

where the fault lies," said Fiorel- as looking like "columns of ants" lo Estuar, secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Last week, Octavio Kalalo, former president of the Association of Structural Engineers of the Hyatt in 1985 and warned that the building could suffer serious damage in an earthquake because it was structurally unsound. But he said the warning went un-

Franklin Drilon said he would launch an investigation into possible criminal liability of builders and owners of buildings that collapsed here and in Cabanatuan during the quake. On Sunday, Roman Catholic

In Manila, Justice Secretary

masses were said outdoors in-Baguio's Burnham Park because Bishop Ernesto Salgado said it was too dangerous to worship inside the cathedral. Salgado said priests visited collapsed buildings, blessing the bodies of those who may be entombed there. Jose de Jesus, presidential re-

were killed in Baguio alone and another 175 in the surrounding province of Benguet. De Jesus said 135 people were believed trapped inside eight fac-

lief coordinator, siad 373 people

tories in Baguio but all are be-lieved dead. De Jesus said information on deaths and damage was still trickling in from remote areas, including Nucva Vizcaya province, where many villages and roads were buried by land-

Philippine pilots who surveyed the areas saw masses of survivors walking over the mountains to safety. The pilots described them Manile.

silhouetted against the barren mountain slopes. Relief supplies meant for vic-

tims of the earthquake have been pilfered, de Jesus said Monday. He blamed the losses on government laxity in handling aid He did not say how much aid

was lost or if it included foreign donations but said "there was a lot of slippage." We have received complaints that the goods are going to the hands of people who have no need for them, who in fact even

conference. "We were not really very tight in the beginning. There were just so many people who would come and in order not to delay, we just gave to everybody that came," he

sell them," de Jesus told a news

Aid has been pouring into Manila since last week's earthquake, but survivors in devastated northern areas complain food supplies are not getting through quickly enough.
"We need food, SOS" pleaded

a message painted on a basketball court in the badly damaged vil-lage of Tuba near Baguio. In Baguio and surrounding

areas, survivors are still going hungry, reports Monday said. "There's a block somewhere," said Baboo Mondonedo after unsuccessfully scouring relief stations in Baguio for food.

Baguio residents said they had to wait for days and sign numerous forms in order to claim supplies. They know food, medicine and other supplies are arriving in

A West Berliner specialising in rubbing his eyes with his chin and swallowing his nose has won the world grimacing competition. Horst Ehbauer, a 57-year-old roof tiler, dedicated his uglyfeatured victory to the citizens of East Germany as they move towards unification with West Germany. Speaking after unfolding his face from the nose-concealing grimace that won him the title; Ehbauer told Reuters: 'I am delighted to dedicate this title to my biothers from East Germany. They re going to have to re learn how to laugh." Enbauer had already won the competition; held annually in this southwest-

### across an odd incident

#### Finns get cosmic iight show

HELSINKI (AP) — Thousands

of Finns and tourists watched a

total eclipse of the sun that

"a cosmic bght show, equally frightening and fascinating." The total eclipse occurred at 4:52 a.m. (0152 GMT). It was visible in an arc about 200 kilometres wide from the northern Baltic Sea and southeast Finland, across the Kola Peninsula and the northeast Soviet Union, to the Aleutian Islands near Alaska, In Helsinki, the light changed from a summer dawn to bark dusk within minutes. Some spectators watched through special glasses or dark film strips that enabled them to safely view the silhonette of the moon covering and uncovering the surface of the sun. Birds that had been singing minutes before suddenly became silent and some flew aimlessly around in panic. The cerie scene remained for more than a minute before light. suddenly began to return. The eclipse had started 49 minutes carlier when the moon began to gradually move between the Earth and the sun. Several thousand people gathered in-Helsinki on high hills and bridges and even on rooftops around the city, admiring and in some cases applauding the spectacle. Sightseeing trips by boat on the Gulf of Finland were arranged to provide a better view of the northeast

at a language the territorial and a